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GLOBAL RESALE SERVICE
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- ☐ SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE
- ☐ INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT

Description of Application: _____

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Federal Communications Commission
Common Carrier Network Services
P.O. Box 358115
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

Re: Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc.;
Application to Transfer Control
of Existing Section 214 Authorization

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed herewith please find an original and five (5) copies of the Application for Authority to Transfer Control of Existing Authorization of Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc. ("NFLD") and Townes Telecommunications, Inc. ("Townes"). Please note that an application for special temporary authority, requesting that NFLD be permitted to continue reselling switched international telecommunications services during the period this application is pending, has been simultaneously filed this day with the Commission.

In accordance with Section 1.1107 of the Commission's Rules, this Application and duplicate copies are being filed this day at the Commission's commercial lockbox with Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A check in the amount of seven hundred forty-five dollars (\$780.00), the fee associated with this application, accompanies this filing together with a completed FCC Form 159.

Any questions regarding this application may be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Gerard J. Duffy
Michael B. Adams, Jr.

Enclosures

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE PROCEEDING

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
REMITTANCE ADVICE

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SPECIAL USE

FCC USE ONLY

(1) LOCKBOX # 358115

SECTION A - PAYER INFORMATION

(2) PAYER NAME (if paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card)

Blooston, Mordkofsky, Jackson & Dickens

(3) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (dollars and cents)

\$ xxx780.00

(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1

2120 L Street, NW

(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

Suite 300

(6) CITY

Washington

(7) STATE

DC

(8) ZIP CODE

20037

(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)

202-659-0830

(10) COUNTRY CODE (if not in U.S.A.)

**IF PAYER NAME AND THE APPLICANT NAME ARE DIFFERENT, COMPLETE SECTION B
IF MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)**

SECTION B - APPLICANT INFORMATION

(11) APPLICANT NAME (if paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card)

Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc.

(12) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1

130 North 4th Street

(13) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

P.O. Box 485

(14) CITY

Maccleenny

(15) STATE

FL

(16) ZIP CODE

32063

(17) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)

904-259-2261

(18) COUNTRY CODE (if not in U.S.A.)

COMPLETE SECTION C FOR EACH SERVICE, IF MORE BOXES ARE NEEDED, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)

SECTION C - PAYMENT INFORMATION

(19A) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(20A) PAYMENT TYPE CODE (PTC)

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(21A) QUANTITY

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(22A) FEE DUE FOR (PTC) IN BLOCK 20A

\$ xxx780.00

FCC USE ONLY

(23A) FCC CODE 1

(24A) FCC CODE 2

(19B) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(20B) PAYMENT TYPE CODE (PTC)

(21B) QUANTITY

(22B) FEE DUE FOR (PTC) IN BLOCK 20B

FCC USE ONLY

(23B) FCC CODE 1

(24B) FCC CODE 2

(19C) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(20C) PAYMENT TYPE CODE (PTC)

(21C) QUANTITY

(22C) FEE DUE FOR (PTC) IN BLOCK 20C

FCC USE ONLY

(23C) FCC CODE 1

(24C) FCC CODE 2

(19D) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(20D) PAYMENT TYPE CODE (PTC)

(21D) QUANTITY

(22D) FEE DUE FOR (PTC) IN BLOCK 20D

FCC USE ONLY

(23D) FCC CODE 1

(24D) FCC CODE 2

SECTION D - TAXPAYER INFORMATION (REQUIRED)

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PAYER TIN

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(26) COMPLETE THIS BLOCK ONLY IF APPLICANT NAME IN B-11 IS DIFFERENT FROM PAYER NAME IN A-2

APPLICANT TIN

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(27) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, _____, (PRINT NAME) _____, Certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information

are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE _____

(28)

MASTERCARD

MASTERCARD/VISA ACCOUNT NUMBER

SECTION F - CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

EXPIRATION DATE:

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MONTH YEAR

VISA

I hereby authorize the FCC to charge my VISA or MASTERCARD for the service(s)/authorization(s) herein described.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

SEE PUBLIC BURDEN ESTIMATE ON REVERSE

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037

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Federal Communications Commission

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

**NORTHEAST FLORIDA
LONG DISTANCE COMPANY, INC.**

Application for Authority)	
Pursuant to Section 214 of the)	
Communications Act of 1934, as)	File No.
Amended, to Transfer Control)	
of Existing Authorization)	

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT
TO TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

The parties to this application hereby request authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 214 (the "Act"), to transfer control of Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc. ("NFLD" or "Transferor") to Townes Telecommunications, Inc. ("Townes" or "Transferee").

NFLD is a reseller of switched domestic and international telecommunications services. NFLD currently provides such international services to over 2,000 customers pursuant to Section 214 authority granted by the Commission in File No. ITC-96-260 (June 27, 1996). NFLD is neither currently affiliated with a foreign carrier or a U.S. facilities-based carrier whose international services it wishes to resell, nor will it be so as a result of the proposed transfer of control to Townes.

It is proposed that NFLD and affiliated entities are to be

sold by their existing ultimate shareholders (Gladys R. Walker, Leon Conner, Linda Sue Combs and Fred Paul Conner) to Townes. As a result of this transaction, Townes will ultimately hold 100 percent of NFLD's stock. There will be no discontinuance of service as a result of the transfer of control to Townes, and since NFLD will continue to exist and operate as it does currently under the new ownership. As a result, the proposed transfer will be transparent to NFLD's customers and will neither disrupt service nor cause inconvenience or confusion to NFLD's existing customers.

NFLD and Townes submit that approval of this transfer will serve the public interest by allowing NFLD to be a more vigorous competitor and positioning NFLD for continued growth. Specifically, operating as a subsidiary of Townes will allow NFLD to draw upon Townes' financial and managerial resources and will permit synergies between NFLD's international services and Townes' array of telecommunications offerings. This, in turn, will enable both NFLD and Townes to meet the growing needs of their customers as well as result in heightened competition and higher quality service to the public.

In support thereof, the following is shown:

- (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each applicant is:

Section 214 Authorization Holder:

Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc.
130 North 4th Street -- P.O. Box 485
Macclenny, FL 32063
Telephone: (904) 259-2261
Facsimile: (904) 259-7722

Transferee:

Townes Telecommunications, Inc.
Highway 82 at 29
P.O. Box 729
Lewisville, AR 71845-0729
Telephone: (870) 921-4224
Facsimile: (870) 921-4400

- (b) NFLD is a corporation organized under the laws of Florida. Townes is a corporation organized under the laws of Texas.

- (c) Correspondence concerning the application should be addressed to:

John McGlew
Corporate Treasurer and Assistant General Manager
Northeast Florida Long Distance Company, Inc.
130 North 4th Street -- P.O. Box 485
Macclenny, FL 32063
Telephone: (904) 259-2261
Facsimile: (904) 259-7722

and:

Johnny Ross
General Manager
Townes Telecommunications, Inc.
Highway 82 at 29
P.O. Box 729
Lewisville, AR 71845-0729
Telephone: (870) 921-4224
Facsimile: (870) 921-4400

with copies to legal counsel:

Gerard J. Duffy
Michael B. Adams, Jr.
Blooston, Mordkofsky, Jackson and Dickens
2120 L Street, N.W., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20037
Telephone: (202) 659-0830
Facsimile: (202) 828-5568

- (d) NFLD received Section 214 authority from the Commission to operate as a resale carrier in File No. ITC-96-260 on June 27, 1996. Townes has not previously received authority under Section 214 of the Act.
- (e) No new facilities or additional changes to NFLD's existing Section 214 authorization are requested pursuant to this application. As a result of the proposed transaction, NFLD will continue to operate as a nondominant carrier.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N S

Affiliations

- (a) NFLD and Townes certify that neither is a foreign carrier and that neither has an affiliation with any foreign carrier.
- (b) NFLD and Townes certify that neither has any affiliation with any of the U.S. carriers whose facilities-based international services NFLD proposes to resell after the consummation of the proposed transaction.

Ownership

Townes and NFLD certify that as a result of the proposed transaction, the name, address, citizenship and principal business of the only entity having a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in NFLD will be as follows:

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Citizen</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
NEFCOM, Inc. 130 North 4th Street P.O. Box 485 Macclenny, FL 32063	100%	FL.	Telecommunications Corp.

The name, address, citizenship and principal business of the only entity having a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in NEFCOM, Inc. will be as follows:

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Citizen</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
Townes Telecommunications, Inc. Highway 82 at 29 P.O. Box 729 Lewisville, AR 71845-0729	100%	TX	Telecommunications Corp.

In turn, the names, address, citizenship and principal business of the only entity having a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in Townes Telecommunications, Inc. will be as follows:

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Citizen</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
Larry and Phyllis Townes Highway 82 at 29 P.O. Box 729 Lewisville, AR 71845-0729	100%	U.S.	Telecommunications

Foreign Concessions and Arrangements

NFLD and Townes each certify that they have not agreed to accept any special concessions, directly or indirectly, from any foreign carrier or foreign administration with respect to traffic and revenue flows between the United States and any foreign country which NFLD may serve under the authority sought; and that neither will enter into such agreements in the future.

Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification

NFLD and Townes certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, no party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, NFLD and Townes respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be served by transfer of the ultimate ownership of NFLD's Section 214 authorization to Townes.

Respectfully submitted,
NORTHEAST FLORIDA
LONG DISTANCE COMPANY, INC.

By: *Gladys R. Walker*
(Officer)

Printed Name: Gladys R. Walker

Date: 10/19/98

Title: President

TOWNES TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: *Johnny Ross*
(Officer)

Printed Name: Johnny Ross

Date: November 17, 1998

Title: General Manager