

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

JAN 25 1999

In the Matter of
Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications,
Inc., and Dakota Telecommunications
Group, Inc.

Application for Transfer of Control of
Common Carrier Holding Authorization
Under Section 214 of the Communications
Act of 1934, as Amended

File No. TC-TC-19990125-00022

APPLICATION

Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc., ("DTG") hereby requests authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.18(e)(5) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(5), for the transfer of control *nunc pro tunc* of the Section 214 authorization held by Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc. ("Dakota Cooperative") to DTG. In light of several applications pending before the Commission whereby DTG seeks authority to transfer its FCC licenses to McLeodUSA, DTG requests expedited processing.

In 1997, Dakota Cooperative reorganized its corporate structure and transferred all its assets, including several FCC licenses and its Section 214 authorization, to Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. This transfer was strictly *pro forma*. In the course of a due diligence conducted by the parties to a pending transaction between McLeodUSA and Dakota Telecommunications Group, it was discovered that DTG inadvertently neglected to request FCC

Granted Telecommunications Division
date: <u>JAN 26 1999</u>
authorized by: INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Request Approved
Signature: Chief, Rules & Facilities Branch