

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

Non-Streamlined ITC-T/C-19990604-00338
TELIA NORTH AMERICA, INC.

In the Matter of

Application to Transfer Control of Section 214
Authorizations Held by Telia North America, Inc.,
Telenor Global Services AS, Clarion Global
Networks, Inc., and Clarion GlobalCom, LLC, and
Control of a Cable Landing License Held by Telia
North America, Inc., and Notification of Foreign
Affiliations

IB Docket No. _____

APPLICATION AND NOTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Cable Landing License Act, Telia North America, Inc. (“Telia NA”), Telenor Global Services AS (“Telenor Global”), Clarion Global Networks, Inc. (“Clarion Networks”), and Clarion GlobalCom, LLC (“Clarion GlobalCom”) (collectively referred to herein as the “Joint Applicants”) hereby request authority from the Commission to transfer control of their international Section 214 authorizations and a cable landing license. This request is made in connection with the merger of Telia NA’s parent, Telia AB, which is owned by the Government of Sweden, and Telenor Global’s parent, Telenor AS, which is owned by the Government of Norway. The Joint Applicants further request expedited processing of this application. Finally, the Joint Applicants hereby notify the Commission pursuant to Section 63.11 of the Commission’s rules that, as a result of the proposed merger, they will acquire affiliations with several foreign carriers.

I. THE JOINT APPLICANTS AND THE MERGER TRANSACTION

Telia NA. Telia NA is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is authorized to provide both resold and facilities-based international telecommunications services on a global basis. Telia NA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telia AB, which is a major provider of telecommunications services in Sweden. All of the shares of Telia AB, in turn, are owned by the Government of Sweden. Because of its affiliation with Telia AB, the Commission has classified Telia NA as a dominant carrier on the U.S.-Sweden route.

Telenor Global Services AS. As previously disclosed to the Commission in Telenor Global's application for a Section 214 authorization, Telenor Global is a corporation organized under the laws of Norway. Telenor Global holds an authorization from the Commission under Section 214 of the Communications Act for facilities-based and global resale authority, granted in ITC 98-191, by Public Notice dated April 16, 1998 (DA 98-728). Telenor Global is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telenor International AS, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telenor AS, a Norwegian corporation. Telenor AS is a Norwegian holding company, which is owned by the Norwegian Government. Due to its affiliation with Telenor AS, the Commission has classified Telenor Global as a dominant carrier on the U.S.-Norway route.

Affiliates of Telenor Global Also Holding Section 214 Authorizations. The Commission has granted Section 214 authorizations to two affiliates of Telenor Global, and authority for a transfer of control of these affiliates is also requested by this application. The affected Section 214 authorized carriers are: Clarion Global Networks, Inc., a Georgia corporation; and Clarion GlobalCom, LLC a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Georgia. Telenor Global owns a majority of the stock of Clarion Resources Communications

Corporation, which owns all of the stock of Clarion Networks and all of the membership interests in Clarion GlobalCom. Due to their affiliations with Telenor AS (through Telenor Global's interest in these carriers), the Commission has also classified Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom as dominant carriers on the U.S.-Norway route.

The Merger Transaction. The Government of Sweden has entered into an agreement with the Government of Norway to merge the operations of Telia AB and those of Telenor AS of Norway into a new company named Newtel AB ("Newtel"). After the merger – which still must be approved by the national assemblies of Sweden and Norway as well as by the EU Commission – Telia AB and Telenor AS will each be wholly-owned subsidiaries of Newtel. The Government of Sweden will own 60 percent of the shares of Newtel, while the Government of Norway will hold the remaining 40 percent.¹

Notwithstanding the Swedish Government's greater number of shares, it is agreed that control over Newtel will be shared by both Sweden and Norway on an equal basis.² Each government will appoint half of the members of Newtel's Board of Directors (the "Board"). The initial Board has been established and is composed of two directors appointed by the Swedish Government and two directors appointed by the Norwegian Government. After the closing, a resolution will be adopted providing for the election of the "full" Board that will be comprised of four directors appointed by the Swedish State and four directors appointed by the Norwegian State. Telia AB's current Chairman, Mr. Jan Stenberg, will be the first Chairman of Newtel's

¹ The Swedish Government's shares will be held by a wholly-owned entity named Förvaltnings AB. The Norwegian Government's shares may or may not be placed in an intermediate holding company.

² The Swedish and Norwegian Governments have agreed to eventually reduce their respective shares in Newtel to 33.4 percent; the remaining 33.2 percent will be offered to the public at a future date.

Board. Telenor's current President and CEO, Mr. Tormod Hermansen, will be the Managing Director of Newtel, while the two deputy directors will be from Telia AB. Newtel will be organized under the laws of Sweden.

As a result of the merger, Telia NA will no longer be under the ultimate control of Telia AB and the Swedish Government. Similarly, Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom will no longer be under the ultimate control of Telenor AS and the Norwegian Government. Instead, each of the Joint Applicants will be under the indirect control of Newtel and the shared control of the Swedish *and* the Norwegian Governments.

II. THE TRANSFER OF THE JOINT APPLICANTS' AUTHORIZATIONS WOULD SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND RAISES NO NEW ISSUES

The grant of the transfer authority requested in this application would serve the public interest. As the Commission has repeatedly determined, the entry of foreign carriers into the U.S. market increases "competition in the U.S. telecommunications services market, providing lower prices and increased quality of service" to consumers.³ Accordingly, the Commission has adopted a presumption in favor of entry into the U.S. market by carriers from WTO Member countries.⁴ Because both Sweden and Norway are signatories to the WTO Basic Telecom

³ *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market*, 12 FCC Rcd 23891, 23894 (1997) ("*Foreign Participation Order*"); *see Policy Statement on International Accounting Rate Reform*, 11 FCC Rcd 3146, 3147 (1996); *Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Entities*, 11 FCC Rcd 3873, 3933 (1995); *Regulation of International Accounting Rates*, 7 FCC Rcd 559, 560 (1992).

⁴ *See Foreign Participation Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 23921.

Agreement, the Commission should apply this presumption in favor of the Joint Applicants' continued participation in the U.S. market after the merger of Telia AB and Telenor AS.

This application does not raise any market entry issues that would warrant doing otherwise. Here, the Joint Applicants do not request authority to provide any new services. Nor do they seek permission to serve any new markets. Rather, the Joint Applicants merely seek to retain their existing authority. Moreover, the Commission, in granting the authorizations that are the subject of this application, has previously determined that the Joint Applicants' participation in the U.S. market serves the public interest. Nothing that would affect this determination has changed.

Any potential competitive concerns raised by Telenor AS's and Telia AB's indirect participation (through their affiliates) in the U.S. market have been further diminished since subsidiaries of these entities first obtained Section 214 authority. Over the last few years, increasingly vigorous facilities-based competition has taken root in both Sweden and Norway. Tangible evidence of this competition can be found in the low settlement rates available to U.S. carriers in these countries. As many as five carriers now offer international settlement rates of \$0.06 or lower in Sweden, while U.S. carriers can settle traffic in Norway at the low rate of \$0.08.⁵ Recognizing that the competitive nature of the Swedish and Norwegian telecommunications markets has virtually eliminated the risk of discrimination against U.S. carriers, the

⁵ See *Consolidated Accounting Rates of the United States*, Federal Communications Commission (updated April 1, 1999). Because international simple resale is approved to both of these countries, U.S. carriers also have the option of bypassing the settlement process on the routes to Sweden and Norway.

Commission will soon eliminate the International Settlements Policy on the routes to these countries.⁶

Consistent with the Commission's open entry policy for carriers from WTO Member countries, the authorizations previously granted by the Commission, and the increasingly competitive nature of the Swedish and Norwegian telecommunications markets, the Commission should grant the transfer authority requested in this application.

III. THE JOINT APPLICANTS REQUEST EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF THIS APPLICATION

The Telia AB-Telenor AS merger transaction must still be approved by the Swedish parliament, the Norwegian parliament, and the EU Commission. While it is not certain when these approvals will be issued, it is possible that they could be in place by as early as mid-June of this year. Once these approvals are issued, Telia AB and Telenor AS wish to conclude their merger as soon as possible. To avoid any delay in closing this transaction, the Joint Applicants request that the Commission expedite the processing of this application.⁷

Because the Joint Applicants are willing to submit to dominant carrier regulation on all routes where the Commission has deemed it appropriate, this application would have been eligible for streamlined processing if it only requested authority to transfer control of the

⁶ See 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review Reform of the International Settlements Policy and Associated Filing Requirements, Regulation of International Accounting Rates, Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Entities, FCC 99-73, IB Docket Nos. 98-148, 95-22, CC Docket No. 90-337, ¶ 55 (rel. May 6, 1999).

⁷ In this regard, the Joint Applicants note that the Commission has previously expedited the approval of transfer applications in order to facilitate the closing of merger transactions and acquisitions. See *International Telecommunications Corp.*, 11 FCC Rcd 10156 (rel. Aug. 30, 1996); see also FCC Public Notice, *Pleading Schedule Established for Special Temporary Authority for Transfer of Control to Call-Net Enterprises Inc.* of

Applicant's Section 214 authorizations.⁸ However, this application also includes a request to transfer control over a less than one percent interest that Telia NA holds in a cable landing license for the Americas II Cable System.⁹ While the inclusion of this cable landing license interest is sufficient to render this application ineligible for streamlined processing, it does not raise any complex or novel issues that would warrant a lengthy review. The Joint Applicants therefore request that the Commission expedite the processing of this application.

IV. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.18 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

In further support of its application, the Joint Applicants submit the following information required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's rules.¹⁰

A. Section 63.18 Information for Telia NA:

(a) Telia North America's address and telephone number are:

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8133 Leesburg Pike
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Section 214 Authorizations and Pending Cable Landing License Indirectly Held by JONOROLA, Inc., File No. TAO-2638 (rel. May 8, 1998).

⁸ Section 63.12(c) of the Commission's rules explains that an application will be eligible for streamlined processing if "[t]he affiliated destination market is a WTO Member country and the applicant agrees to be classified as a dominant carrier to the affiliated destination country under § 63.10, without prejudice to its right to petition for reclassification at a later date." 47 C.F.R. § 63.12(c)(1)(v); *see Foreign Participation Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 24032.

⁹ Telia NA and Telenor Global also are parties to a joint application for a cable landing license for the TAT-14 undersea cable system. This application is currently pending before the Commission. *See Non-Streamlined International Section 214, Cable Landing License and Section 310(b)(4) Applications Accepted for Filing*, Rep. No. TEL 00078NS, at 2 (rel. March 26, 1999).

¹⁰ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(3).

Telia AB's address is:

Telia AB
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S-123 86, Farsta
SWEDEN

Newtel's address is:

Newtel AB
c/o Mikael Engqvist, VP Legal Affairs
c/o Christel Eriksson, Corporate Counsel
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(b) Telia NA is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Telia AB and Newtel are organized under the laws of Sweden.

(c) Correspondence concerning this application should be directed to:

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- (d) Telia NA holds authority under the Communications Act to provide a range of facilities-based and resold international telecommunications services. Telia NA also holds an interest in a cable landing license. A description of this authority is set forth in Appendix A to this application. Neither the Swedish Government, nor Telia AB, nor Newtel hold direct authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act.
- (e)(3) Telia NA requests authority to transfer control over its Section 214 authorizations and an interest in a cable landing license from Telia AB, which is controlled by the Swedish Government, to Newtel, which is controlled by the Swedish and Norwegian Governments. These authorizations are identified in Appendix A to this application.
- (f) Telia NA does not request any new authority under Section 63.18(e) of the Commission's rules.
- (g) Telia NA does not seek authority under Section 63.18(e)(4) of the Commission's rules.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, Telia NA certifies that:

- (h) after the merger, all of the shares of Telia NA will be held by Telia AB, which is organized under the laws of Sweden and is located at the following address: S-123 86 FARSTA, SWEDEN. Telia AB will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Newtel, which also will be organized under the laws of Sweden. Newtel, in turn, will be 60 percent owned by the Swedish Government and 40 percent owned by the Norwegian Government.¹¹ Telia NA has no interlocking directorates.
- (i) as a result of the merger, it will become affiliated with Storm Telecommunications Ltd. of the United Kingdom, Telenordia AB of Sweden, and Telenor AS of Norway. Telia NA will retain its existing affiliations with the following foreign carriers: Telia AB of Sweden, Telia U.K. Ltd. of the United Kingdom, Telia AS of Denmark, Telia AS of Norway, Telivo Ltd. of Finland, Telia Latvia SIA of Latvia, Suntel of Sri Lanka, Tess SA of Brazil, JT-Mobile of India, and Lietuvos Telekomas and UAB Omnitel of Lithuania.
- (j) it seeks to transfer its authority to serve the following countries where Newtel will control a foreign carrier: Sweden where Newtel will control Telia AB and have an interest in Telenordia; Norway where Newtel will control Telenor AS and Telia AS; the United Kingdom where Newtel will control Telia U.K. Ltd. and Storm Telecommunications Ltd.; Denmark where Newtel will control Telia AS; Finland where Newtel will control Telivo Ltd. of Finland; Latvia where Newtel will control Telia Latvia; and Sri Lanka where Newtel will control Suntel.
- (k) all of the countries identified in paragraph (j) are WTO Member countries.
- (l)(m) it has previously notified the Commission that it is "affiliated" with carriers in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Lithuania, and India. Telia NA has been classified by the Commission as a dominant carrier on the U.S.-Sweden route. As a result of the merger, Telia NA also will acquire foreign carrier affiliations through Telenor AS's holdings. Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom have previously notified the Commission that they are "affiliated" with foreign carriers in Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. These carriers have been classified as dominant on the U.S.-Norway route. Telia NA hereby certifies that it will comply with dominant carrier regulation on the U.S.-Sweden route and the U.S.-Norway route, and will file any reports required by Section 43.61(c) of the Commission's rules for these routes.

¹¹ The Swedish and Norwegian Governments have agreed to eventually reduce their respective shares to 33.4 percent; the remaining 33.2 percent will be offered to the public at a future date.

- (n) it has not agreed, and will not in the future agree, to accept any special concessions with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the U.S. and any foreign countries from any foreign carriers with sufficient market power to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market.
- (o) no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).
- (p) For the reasons stated above, Telia NA requests expedited processing of this application.

B. Section 63.18 Information for Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom

- (a) Telenor Global's address and telephone number are:

Telenor Global Services AS
P.O. Box 6701
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N-0130 Oslo, Norway
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Fax: 47 22 11 44 61

Telenor AS's address is:

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St. Olavs plass
N-0130
Oslo, Norway

Clarion Networks' address and telephone number are:

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Clarion GlobalCom's address and telephone number are:

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Newtel AB
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N-0130 Oslo, Norway

- (b) Telenor Global is a corporation organized under the laws of Norway. Telenor AS, its ultimate parent, is a Norwegian holding company, owned by the Norwegian government. Clarion Networks is a Georgia corporation. Clarion GlobalCom is a Georgia limited liability company. Newtel is a corporation organized under the laws of Sweden.

- (c) Correspondence concerning this application should be directed to:

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- (d) Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom hold authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act to provide a range of facilities-based and resold international telecommunications services. A description of this authority is set forth in Appendix B to this application. Neither the Norwegian Government, nor Telenor AS, nor Newtel currently hold direct authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act.

- (e)(3) Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom request authority to transfer control over their Section 214 authorizations from Telenor AS, which is controlled by the Norwegian Government, to Newtel, which is controlled by the Swedish and Norwegian Governments. These authorizations are identified in Appendix B to this application.
- (f) Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom do not request any new authority under Section 63.18(e) of the Commission's rules.
- (g) Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom do not seek authority under Section 63.18(e)(4) of the Commission's rules.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom certify that:

- (h) after the merger, Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom will be under the control of Telenor AS, which is organized under the laws of Norway and is located at the following address: P.O. Box 6701, St. Olavs plass, N-0130, Oslo, Norway. Telenor AS will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Newtel, which will be organized under the laws of Sweden. Newtel, in turn, will be 60 percent owned by the Swedish Government and 40 percent owned by the Norwegian Government.¹² Mr. H. Alec McLarty is a Director of Clarion Networks and the Manager of Clarion GlobalCom. Telenor Global has no other interlocking directorates.
- (i) as a result of the merger, they will become affiliated through Newtel with the following foreign carriers: Telia AB of Sweden, Telia U.K. Ltd. of the United Kingdom, Telia AS of Denmark, Telia AS of Norway, Telivo Ltd. of Finland, Telia Latvia SIA of Latvia, Suntel of Sri Lanka, Tess SA of Brazil, JT-Mobile of India, and Lietuvos Telekomas and UAB Omnitel of Lithuania. Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom will remain affiliated with Storm Telecommunications Ltd. of the United Kingdom, Telenordia AB of Sweden, and Telenor AS of Norway.
- (j) they seek to transfer control of their authority to serve the following countries where Newtel will control a foreign carrier: Sweden where Newtel will control Telia AB and have an interest in Telenordia; Norway where Newtel will control Telenor AS

¹² The Swedish and Norwegian Governments have agreed to eventually reduce their respective shares to 33.4 percent; the remaining 33.2 percent will be offered to the public at a future date.

and Telia AS; the United Kingdom where Newtel will control Telia U.K. Ltd. and Storm Telecommunications Ltd.; Denmark where Newtel will control Telia AS; Finland where Newtel will control Telivo Ltd.; Latvia where Newtel will control Telia Latvia; and Sri Lanka where Newtel will control Suntel.

- (k) all of the countries identified in paragraph (j) are WTO Member countries.
- (l)(m) they have previously notified the Commission that they are "affiliated" with foreign carriers in Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom have been classified as dominant on the U.S.-Norway route. As a result of the merger, Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom also will acquire foreign carrier affiliations through Telia AB's holdings. Telia NA has previously notified the Commission that it is "affiliated" with carriers in Sweden, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Lithuania, and India. Telia NA has been classified by the Commission as a dominant carrier on the U.S.-Sweden route. Telenor Global, Clarion Networks, and Clarion GlobalCom hereby certify that they will comply with dominant carrier regulation on the U.S.-Sweden route and the U.S.-Norway route, and will file any reports required by Section 43.61(c) of the Commission's rules for these routes.

(n) Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom have not agreed, and will not in the future agree, to accept any special concessions with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the U.S. and foreign countries from any foreign carriers with sufficient market power to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market.

(o) no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

(p) For the reasons stated above, Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom request expedited processing of this application.

V. **NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.11 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND WAIVER REQUEST**

The Joint Applicants hereby notify the Commission that, as a result of the merger of

Telia AB of Sweden and Telenor AS of Norway, they will acquire affiliations with the following foreign carriers:

For Telia NA: Telenor Global Services AS of Norway, Storm Telecommunications Ltd. of the United Kingdom, and Telenordia AB of Sweden. All of the information required by Section 63.11 of the Commission's rules is set forth above.

For Telenor Global, Clarion Networks and Clarion GlobalCom: Telia AB of Sweden; Telia U.K. Ltd. of the United Kingdom; Telia AS of Denmark; Telia AS of Norway; Telivo Ltd. of Finland; Telia Latvia SIA of Latvia; Suntel of Sri Lanka; Tess SA of Brazil; JT-Mobile of India; Lietuvos Telekomas and UAB Omnitel of Lithuania.

As explained in Part III above, the Telia AB-Telenor AS merger transaction must still be approved by the Swedish parliament, the Norwegian parliament, and the EU Commission. Once these approvals are issued, Telia AB and Telenor AS wish to conclude their merger as soon as possible. To avoid any delay in closing this transaction, the Joint Applicants request a waiver of the 60-day period for notifications of acquisitions of controlling interests in foreign carriers. All of the issues raised by the foreign carrier affiliations set forth herein will be considered thoroughly in the context of the Joint Applicants' application to transfer control over their authorizations. If this application were to be granted prior to the expiration of the 60-day notification period, it would not serve any purpose in this particular case to hold up the merger closing for the remainder of this period. The Joint Applicants therefore request that the Commission waive the notice period to the extent necessary to permit Telia AB and Telenor AS to merge their operations as soon as authority to transfer the Joint Applicants' authorizations (set forth in Appendices A and B) is granted.

For the foregoing reasons, the Joint Applicants request that the Commission grant the transfer authority requested in this application and expedite the processing of this application and notification.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Telia North America, Inc. Authorizations

File Number	Date Granted	Description of Authority
ITC-96-545	March 11, 1997	Authorizing Telia NA to provide facilities-based services between the U.S. and Sweden subject to dominant carrier regulation
ITC-96-310 and ITC-96-335	March 11, 1997	Authorizing Telia NA to provide resale services between the U.S. and Sweden subject to dominant carrier regulation
ITC-96-311	August 2, 1996	Authorizing Telia NA to provide resale services on a limited global basis
ITC-96-509	October 31, 1996	Authorizing Telia NA to provide resale services to certain affiliated markets and to "equivalent" countries
ITC-96-508	October 31, 1996	Authorizing Telia NA to provide facilities-based services to certain affiliated markets
, ITC-96-533	November 14, 1996	Authorizing Telia NA to provide facilities-based services on a limited global basis
SCL-98-003, 003A	November 10, 1998	Cable landing license for the Americas II Cable System
ITC-98-342, 342A	November 10, 1998	Section 214 authorization for the Americas II Cable System
SCL-LIC-19990303-00004	Pending	Joint cable landing license application for the TAT-14 cable system

APPENDIX B

**Telenor Global Services AS and Affiliates
Clarion Global Networks, Inc., Clarion GlobalCom, LLC
Authorizations**

File Number	Date Granted	Description of Authority
ITC-98-191	April 15, 1998	Authorizing Telenor Global Services AS to provide global facilities -based and global resale authority subject to dominant carrier regulation the U.S.-Norway route.
ITC-214-19980826-00607	October 16, 1998	Authorizing Clarion GlobalCom LLC to provide global facilities-based and global resale authority subject to dominant carrier regulation on the U.S.-Norway route.
ITC-ASG-19981013-00737 in ITC-93-121, ITC-93-274, and ITC 95-096	December 9, 1998	Authorizing assignment to Clarion Global Networks, Inc. of three Section 214 authorizations granted to Teledata International, Inc.
SCL-LIC-19990303-00004	Pending	Joint cable landing license application for the TAT-14 cable system