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STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR FILING

APPLICATION SEEKS FCC CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CERTAIN SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS FROM QWEST TO TOUCH AMERICA

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

On March 17, 2000, Qwest Communications International Inc. (Qwest) and Touch America, Inc. (Touch America) filed applications pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214, seeking consent to the transfer of control of TeleDistance, Inc. (TeleDistance), a common carrier holding domestic and international Section 214 authority, from Qwest to Touch America. Before the proposed transfer of control, certain wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries of Qwest will have assigned Section 214 authorizations to TeleDistance in a pro forma assignment pursuant to Section 63.24 of the Commission's rules. Those subsidiaries of Qwest are Qwest Communications Corporation, LCI International Telecom Corp., USLD Communications, Inc., and Phoenix Network, Inc. This transfer of control will occur as a result of the sale of 100 percent of the stock of TeleDistance Holdings, Inc. (the immediate parent of TeleDistance) from Qwest to Touch America.

Copies of all applications listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Office of Public Affairs Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

We request that comments on any of these applications refer to the application file number shown below.

SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS

Part 63 – International Service (47 C.F.R. § 63.18)

The international Section 214 application listed below has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. This application is for authority

under Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to transfer control of an authorized carrier.

Pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, this Section 214 application will be granted 14 days after the date of this public notice (see 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 regarding computation of time), unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing, within 14 days after the date of this public notice, that the application, on further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing. Streamlined grant of this application is conditioned upon the applicants' statement that they will not close the proposed transfer of control until after the Commission has reviewed Qwest's divestiture report filed in CC Docket No. 99-272 and issued an order stating that Qwest may close its pending merger with US West, Inc. See *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 99-272, FCC 00-91, para. 69 (released March 10, 2000).

Communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. An application can be removed from streamlined processing only in the sound discretion of Commission staff. The filing of comments or a petition to deny will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

ITC-T/C-20000317-00185 TELEDISTANCE, INC.

Transfer of Control

Current Licensee: TELEDISTANCE, INC.

From: Qwest Communications International Inc.

To: Touch America, Inc.

Application for Consent to Transfer Control of TeleDistance, Inc. from Qwest Communications International Inc. to Touch America, Inc. Counsel for Qwest and TeleDistance have advised the Commission that they will not close the proposed transfer of control until after the Commission has reviewed Qwest's divestiture report filed in CC Docket No. 99-272 and issued an order stating that Qwest may close its pending merger with US West, Inc. See *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 99-272, FCC 00-91, para. 69 (released March 10, 2000).

Domestic

CC DOCKET NO. 99-272

Application for consent to Transfer Control of TeleDistance, Inc. from Qwest Communications International Inc. to Touch America, Inc.

The domestic section 214 transfer-of-control application listed above has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. Comments on this application shall be filed by May 5, 2000, refer to CC Docket No. 99-272 and be served on: Peter A. Rohrbach, Counsel for Qwest, Hogan & Hartson, 555 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004.

GENERAL INFORMATION

An original and four copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554, in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). **In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to each of the following locations:** (1) the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554; (2) Henry Thaggert, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C311, Washington, D.C. 20554; and (3) Justin Connor, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A832, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Copies of the applications and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained from International Transcriptions Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 314-3070. The applications and documents are available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the following Commission offices: Office of Public Affairs, Reference Operating Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-C314, Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information, contact Henry Thaggert, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-7941 (Domestic) or Justin Connor, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division at (202) 418-1476 (Part 63, Section 63.18).

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