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Streamlined ITC-T/C-20001218-00738
COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AXESSA

RE: Application for consent to the transfer of control of a business
which has Section 214 International Message Toll Service
authorization

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents submitted on behalf of Columbia
Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Axessa and LS Communications, Inc.

1. The original and four (4) copies of an Application for consent to the transfer
of control of a business which has Section 214 International Message Toll
Service authorization.
2. The original and four (4) copies of FCC Form 159.
3. Our check in the amount of \$815.00 representing the filing fee for this
Application.

Please address any questions or correspondence regarding this matter to the
undersigned. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this filing.

I would appreciate if you would return a copy of this letter, date-stamped, in the
envelope provided.

Sincerely,



EllenAnn G. Sands

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Fran Eisenstein
International Bureau

effectively in the international voice service marketplace and, as a result, will benefit the public interest. In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.12, the parties request streamlined processing of this application.

I. THE PARTIES

Axessa is a privately held Delaware corporation with principal offices located at 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 350, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. Axessa is a non-dominant carrier that provides intrastate, interstate and international long distance and local exchange services. Axessa is authorized by the FCC to provide interstate and international services as a non-dominant carrier as well as local and intrastate interexchange service, pursuant to certification, registration or tariff requirements in nine (9) states.

LS is a privately held Delaware corporation with principal offices located at 3003 Lakeland Cove, Suite C, Jackson, Mississippi 39208. LS does not possess any federal or state authorizations to provide telecommunications services.

II. THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION

Axessa and LS have entered into an Acquisition Agreement (the "Agreement") whereby Axessa will become a wholly owned subsidiary of LS.¹ The transaction will result in all existing shares of issued and outstanding Axessa stock will be cancelled and ownership of the business of and corporation known as Axessa will be transferred to LS and LS will become the sole shareholder of Axessa.² After the transaction, Axessa will

¹ Consummation of this transaction is contingent upon the approval of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Louisiana, Case No. 00-15033.

² All existing shares of issued and outstanding Axessa stock will be cancelled and new shares will be issued in the name of LS.

continue to operate as it currently operates, but will become a wholly owned subsidiary of LS. The technical, managerial and financial personnel of LS, in addition to various current Axessa employees, will become the technical, managerial and financial personnel of Axessa after this transaction. Axessa will continue to provide service under its present operating authorities, certifications and tariffs.

Axessa will continue to provide IMTS service under Axessa's present Section 214 Authority. Axessa will continue to operate as a non-dominant common carrier with regard to the provision of international resale services to foreign points in accordance with the Commission's International Competitive Carrier policies.

III. THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The transfer of control of Axessa, through the acquisition by LS, will serve the public interest by permitting Axessa to compete more effectively in the IMTS market. Axessa will be wholly owned by a larger parent operation, thereby increasing access to capital. Axessa's operations will more readily increase in size and profitability due to enhanced economies of scale. As a result, Axessa will be able to offer better service to its customers at competitive rates.

The Commission recognizes that the international market for resold services is becoming increasingly competitive in nature and that such competition benefits consumers. Given the Commission's desire to foster competition in the IMTS resale market, grant of the proposed transaction is in the public interest.

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

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the transferor and transferee.

Transferor:
Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Axessa
Tom Nolan
11715 Bricksome, Suite A6
Baton Rouge, LA 70816
(225) 297-2500

Transferee:
LS Services, Inc.
Eric Lindstrom
3003 Lakeland Cove, Suite C
Jackson, MS 39208
(601) 664-2000

- (b) The state of incorporation of transferor and transferee.
- Transferor, Axessa, is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.
 - Transferee, LS, is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

- (c) Correspondence concerning this Application should be addressed to:
- EllenAnn G. Sands
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- (d) Previous authority under Section 214 of the Act.

1. Applicant/transferor, Axessa, is presently (and will remain after the transaction) a non-dominant carrier subject to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. §§ 214. Axessa is an authorized provider of international resale services between the United States and all international points currently served by authorized carriers. Axessa

received its International Section 214 Authority in File No. ITC-214-19981005-00677 (effective November 20, 1998) which may be found in Report # Tel-00034, DA 98-2396, _____ dated November 25, 1998.

2. Applicant/transferee, Axessa, presently resells (and will continue to resell after the transaction) international voice message toll service provided by other authorized carriers on a basis determined by the applicable rates, terms and conditions reflected in Axessa's International Message Telecommunications Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 on file with the Commission.

(e) LS seeks to acquire control of Axessa, the holder of the aforementioned Section 214 authorization, and requests Commission approval in accordance with Section 63.18(e)(5) of the Commission's regulations.

(f) LS seeks no other authorizations under Section 63.18(e).

(g) Not applicable.

(h) LS certifies to the following information:

(1) LS is not a foreign carrier and has no affiliation with a foreign carrier.

(2) The name, address, citizenship, and principal place of business of the owners of LS, holding a 10 percent or greater ownership interest, are:

Name:

Eric E. Lindstrom, Jr.

Address

3 Stonestrow
Laurel, MS 39440

Citizenship:

USA

Principal Place of Business:

LS Communications, Inc.

Name:

G. Wade Spooner

Address:

100 Woodglen Place
Brandon, MS 39047

Citizenship:

USA

Principal Place of Business:

LS Communications, Inc.

(3) LS does not have an affiliation with any U.S. carrier whose facilities-based services will be resold under Axessa's Section 214 authorization.

(i) LS certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign countries it is authorized to serve, and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

(j) The parties to this application certify that they are not subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The public benefits and the economic justification for the proposed Agreement are discussed above in Section III of the instant application. In summary, consent to the proposed transaction will allow LS and thereby Axessa, to realize certain economies of scale and operating efficiencies, which will enhance its ability to compete with larger more experienced carriers, and will increase the cost-effectiveness of its operation.

Accounting will be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Service will be provided in accordance with existing tariff charges and regulations on file with the Commission and revisions, reissues and amendments thereof.

No new construction is involved, and grant of the instant application would not constitute a "major" environmental action pursuant to Section 1.1305 of the Commission's Rules.

In view of the foregoing, Axessa and LS jointly request that the Commission grant the instant application for consent to the transfer of control of Axessa, an entity which has Section 214 International Message Toll Service Authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

By



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