

May 2, 2006

**By E-File**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-75; ITC-T/C-20060324-00170  
Application for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Everest Midwest,  
LLC and its Domestic and International Section 214 Authorizations from  
Aquila, Inc. to Everest Connections Holdings, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the application of Aquila, Inc. and Everest Connections Holdings, Inc. (together, the “Applicants”) for authorization under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide domestic and international telecommunications services, until such time as DOJ, FBI, and DHS: (i) notify the Commission that potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues raised by the application have or have not been resolved; and (ii) on that basis, request appropriate action by the Commission. Necessarily, DOJ, FBI, and DHS also request that the Commission remove the application from streamlined processing.

After receiving notice of the application, DOJ, FBI, and DHS have been in contact with the Applicants to request additional information relating to national security, law enforcement, and public safety concerns. DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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