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Re: Section 214 applications

Please review the following applications and advise us whether you have any national security, law enforcement, foreign policy or trade concerns by C.O.B. July 5 2006, because we are prepared to take action on these applications. **Electronic filed (e-file) applications are able to be viewed by accessing www.fcc.gov/ibfs and searching by the file number.**

ITC-TC-20060613-00311 (e-file)

Application for consent to transfer ultimate control of section 214 authorizations (ITC-214-19981001-00682 & ITC-214-19981015-00711) held by North American Communications Limited (North American) from eircom Group, plc to Babcock & Brown Capital Limited (BCM). BCM is a corporation formed under the laws of Victoria, Australia, traded publicly on the Australian stock exchange and is widely held. North American has accepted dominant carrier regulation on the U.S. – Ireland routes due to its affiliation with eircom (formerly Telecom Eireann) under ITC-214-19981001-00682. It will continue to be regulated as a dominant carrier on the U.S. – Ireland route after the consummation of the proposed transaction.

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ITC-214-20060614-00315 (e-file)

Belgacom International Carrier Services N.V./S.A. (BICS)'s application for authority to provide global facilities-based and resale services between the United States and permissible international points. BICS is incorporated and located in Brussels, Belgium. Moreover, BICS is 72 percent owned by Belgacom S.A./N.V. ("Belgacom"), a Belgium corporation located in Brussels, Belgium. Belgacom is a telecommunications company licensed in Belgium. Belgacom, in turn, is owned approximately 53 percent by the Belgian State. The remaining 28 percent equity interest in BICS is held by Swisscom Fixnet Ltd ("Swisscom Fixnet"), a Swiss corporation located in Bern, Switzerland. Swisscom Fixnet is a telecommunications company headquartered and licensed in Switzerland. Swisscom Fixnet is wholly owned by its parent company, Swisscom Ltd, a Swiss corporation located in Bern, Switzerland. Swisscom Ltd. is a holding company.

BICS agrees to be regulated as dominant carrier on the U.S. – Belgium and U.S. – Switzerland routes, without prejudice to its right to petition for reclassification at a later date.

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ITC-T/C-20060614-00316 (e-file)

Application for consent to the transfer control of Swisscom North America, Inc. to Belgacom International Carrier Services N.V./S.A. (BICS)

If we do not hear from you by C.O.B. July 5, 2006, we will assume that you do not have any concerns with these applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Li", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Li, Deputy Chief
Policy Division