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Non-Streamlined ITC-STA-20061109-00518

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Reliance Communications, Inc.

*Re: ITC-7/c - 2006 1109-00 517*

ATTACHMENT 1  
RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
SECTION 214 STA APPLICATION

*\* Applicant acknowledges the conditions of STA as stated in the part of Attachment 1.*

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION 10**

Reliance Communications, Inc. ("RCI"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications

Act of 1934 and Section 63.25 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.25, hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") to continue operating under its Section 214 authority pending grant of its application for a transfer of control. RCI is authorized to provide global facilities-based and resale services pursuant to authority granted in File No. ITC-214-20021107-00535.

As explained in greater detail below, RCI inadvertently failed to obtain Commission authorization prior to a series of transactions that resulted in a transfer of ultimate control over RCI. Accordingly, concurrent with the filing of this STA request, RCI is filing an application seeking Commission approval of the transfer of control. However, RCI requests special temporary authority to continue providing international telecommunications service to its customers pending the Commission's consideration of the transfer of control application. Grant of this STA request is therefore in the public interest because it will allow RCI to avoid any discontinuity of service to the public.

RCI had been controlled indirectly by Reliance Communications Ventures Limited ("RCVL") as a result of the transfer by Reliance Industries Limited ("RIL") of its various telecommunications entities to RCVL.<sup>1</sup> As a result of this transfer, RCVL exercised *de jure* and *de facto* control over RCI, holding an aggregate indirect ownership interest of 65.9120% in RCI. However, the corporate structure assumed by RCVL (which was renamed Reliance

<sup>1</sup> This transaction was described by RCI to the Commission in a transfer of control application that was timely filed on September 15, 2005 (IBFS File No. TTC-T/C-20050915-00370) and granted by the Commission on December 1, 2005. Public Notice, DA 05-3129 (Dec.

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Re: Section 214 Applications and T/C of Cable Landing License

Dear Sir or Madam:

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. December 13, 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](http://www.fcc.gov/ibfs) and searching by the file number.**

**ITC-214-20061120-00526 (e-file)**

Ouro Preto Inc.'s application for authority to provide global facilities-based and resale services between the United States and permissible international points. Applicant is 51% owned by a **Brazilian** partnership, and 49% owned by a citizen of **Brazil**..

**ITC-T/C-20061109-00517 (e-file)**

Application for consent to transfer control of section 214 authorization (ITC-214-20021107-00535) held be Reliance Communication, Inc. (RCI) from Reliance Communications Ventures Limited (RCVL) to Mr. Anil Ambani, a citizen of **India**. Please note that RCVL's name was changed to Reliance Communications Limited (RCOM) on June 7, 2006.

The transaction occurred on September 14, 2006, without prior Commission approval. In order to avoid any discontinuity of service to its customers, RCI requests a special temporary authority (STA) to continue operating under its section 214 authorization (ITC-214-20021107-00535) pending grant of its underlying application for the transfer of control (ITC-T/C-20061109-00517). RCI acknowledges that the grant of STA will not prejudice any action the Commission may take on the underlying application, and the STA can be revoked by the Commission upon its own motion without a hearing.

Therefore, we granted an STA (TTC-STA-20061109-00518) for RCI on November 22, 2006.

**SCL-T/C-20061109-00008 (e-file)**

Application for consent to transfer control of FLAG Atlantic-1 Submarine Cable Landing License (SCL-LIC-19990301-00005) held by FLAG Telecom Group Limited (FLAG) from Reliance Communications Ventures Limited (RCVL) to Mr. Anil Ambani, a citizen of **India**. Please note that RCVL's name was changed to Reliance Communications Limited (RCOM) on June 7, 2006.

The transaction occurred on September 14, 2006, without prior Commission approval. In order to avoid any discontinuity of service to its customers, FLAG requests a special temporary authority (STA) to continue operating under its submarine cable landing license (SCL-LIC-19990301-00005) pending grant of its underlying application for the transfer of control (SCL-T/C-20061109-00008). FLAG acknowledges that the grant of STA will not prejudice any action the Commission may take on the underlying application, and the STA can be revoked by the Commission upon its own motion without a hearing. Therefore, we granted an STA (SCL-STA-20061109-00009) for FLAG on November 22, 2006.

If we do not hear from you by **C.O.B. December, 13 2006**, we will assume that you do not have any concerns with these applications.

Sincerely,



George Li, Deputy Chief  
Policy Division