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Signature Deputy Chief, Telecom. Div.

RE: Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority  
File No. **ITC-TAO-19981014-00691**

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The need remains for TUPPR to provide its customer service over the identified route. For this reason, pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, TUPPR respectfully requests Commission extension of the previously granted operating authority until the Commission's order granting the Section 214 authority becomes final.

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Please call the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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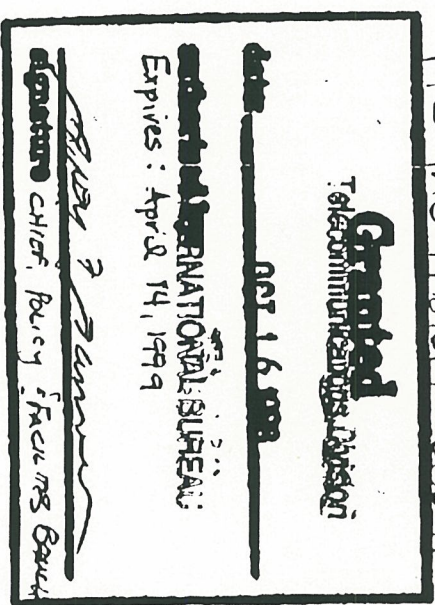
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Re: ITC-96-490. Request for Immediate Authority To Provide Service

Dear Mr. Tanner:

On July 12, 1996, Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico ("TUPR"), a carrier's carrier based in Puerto Rico, requested Section 214 authority to provide international and domestic fixed earth station facilities using the Mexican Solidaridad Satellite System. See Exhibit 1. TUPR requested authority to provide service to the following countries:

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| Columbia           | Jamaica   |
| Costa Rica         | Mexico    |
| Dominican Republic | Nicaragua |
| El Salvador        | Panama    |
| Guatemala          | Venezuela |
| Haiti              |           |

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A customer of TUPR has expressed an immediate need to provide service over the Solidaridad System to El Salvador. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04, TUPR respectfully requests Commission grant of immediate operating authority until the Commission's order granting the Section 214 authority becomes final.

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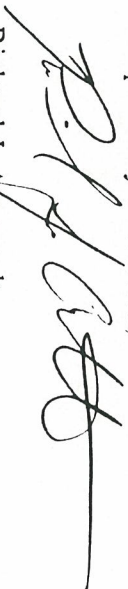
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I will call you this afternoon regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard J. Arsenault  
Counsel to  
Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico

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**Exhibit 1**



Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of  
Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas  
de Puerto Rico

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Application for Authority Pursuant to  
Section 214 of the Communications Act  
of 1934, as amended, to provide  
international fixed earth station  
facilities using the Mexican  
Solidaridad satellite system to  
other common carriers. )  
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APPLICATION

Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico ("TUPR"),  
pursuant to Part 63 of the Commission's Rules, hereby submits its  
application for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the  
Communications Act of 1934 as amended to provide international  
and domestic fixed earth station facilities using the Mexican  
Solidaridad satellite system to other common carriers.

In support of this application, the following information is  
submitted pursuant to Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47  
C.F.R. § 63.18:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of the Applicant  
is:

Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico  
818 Ponce de Leon Avenue, 4th Floor  
Miramar, Puerto Rico 00907  
(787) 724-8877

(b) Applicant is incorporated under the laws of Puerto  
Rico.

(c) Correspondence concerning this application should be sent to:

Mr. Oscar Reyes  
Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico  
818 Ponce de Leon Avenue, 4th Floor  
Miramar, Puerto Rico 00907  
(787) 724-8877

with a copy to:

Joe D. Edge, Esq.  
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(d) Applicant currently has authority pursuant to Section 214 to provide international and domestic fixed earth station and international fixed public point-to-point telegraph and telephone station facilities on a nondominant basis to other common carriers. See Telecomunicaciones Ultramarinas de Puerto Rico.

Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as Amended, to Provide International Telecommunications Facilities, 8 FCC Rcd 106 (1992) ("TUPR § 214 Order").

(e) Applicant is a carrier's carrier that offers the use of earth stations and point-to-point microwave facilities to common carriers under tariff, as authorized by the Commission in the TUPR § 214 Order. Applicant does not offer end-to-end services to end users, but leases facilities on a common carrier basis to other common carriers. As specified in the TUPR § 214 Order, Applicant is regulated as a nondominant carrier's carrier and it operates structurally separate from affiliated entities,

including the Puerto Rico Telephone Company and Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico.

By this application, Applicant seeks authority to provide international fixed earth station facilities communicating with the Mexican Solidaridad satellite system for service between the United States and:

Mexico	Colombia
Guatemala	Venezuela
El Salvador	Jamaica
Nicaragua	Haiti
Costa Rica	Dominican Republic
Panama	

On April 19, 1996, Applicant was granted a license for the following earth station to communicate with the Solidaridad satellites: 9-meter C-band fixed domestic and international earth station, File No. 481-DSE-P/L-96, Call Sign E960160.

On June 21, 1996, Applicant was granted modification of the following earth station license to add the Solidaridad satellites as points of communication: 9-meter C-band fixed domestic and international earth station, File No. 529-DSE-MP/L-96, Call Sign E910100.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Commission authorization of the above-listed earth station applications communicating with the Solidaridad satellites is categorically excluded from environmental processing pursuant to Section 1.1306 of the Commission's Rules. No construction requiring environmental assessment under Section 1.1307 of the Commission's Rules is contemplated.

(h) Applicant certifies that it is not affiliated with a foreign carrier as defined in Section 63.18(h)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

The Puerto Rico Telephone Authority ("PRTA") owns 85.1% of the stock of Applicant. PRTA is a government instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. PRTA also owns 100% interests in the Puerto Rico Telephone Company and the Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation. PRTA also owns a 19% interest in Telefónica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico. PRTA's address is 1515 Roosevelt Avenue, 12th Floor, Caparra Heights, PR 00922.

The remaining 14.9% of the stock of Applicant is owned by Telefónica International Holding, B.V. ("TI Holding"), a Netherlands corporation. TI Holding is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telefónica International de España, B.A., a corporation organized under the laws of the Kingdom of Spain.

Applicant has no interlocking directorates.

(i) Applicant 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 U.S. and any foreign country which Applicant may serve under the authority granted under this part and that it will not enter into such agreements in the future.

(j) Neither the Applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(A).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be served by the granting of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

TELECOMUNICACIONES ULTRAMARINAS  
DE PUERTO RICO

By:

  
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Dated: July 10, 1996