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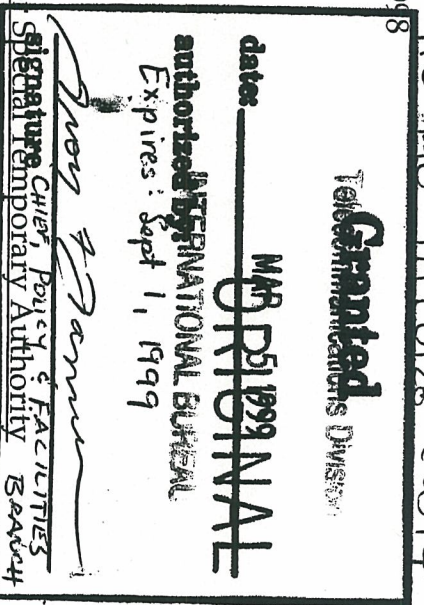
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VIA COURIER

Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau - Telecommunications
P.O. Box 358115
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115



Re: Request for

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, Infosat Communications, Inc. ("Infosat") hereby requests special temporary authority ("STA") for a period of up to 180 days to allow it to provide international common carrier services in accordance with the terms of, and pending grant of, an application for Section 214 authority that is being filed concurrently herewith (copy attached). A check in the amount of \$780.00 is enclosed to cover the applicable filing fee for this application.

There is good cause for grant of the requested STA. Infosat is applying for Section 214 authority to provide international facilities-based and resale services to and from overseas locations. As demonstrated in the accompanying Section 214 application, the provision of these services by Infosat will serve the public interest.

Because of market considerations, Infosat now seeks immediate authority to begin providing services, and it has begun to structure its business relationships accordingly. Grant of the requested STA will, therefore, be important to Infosat's efforts to offer high-quality service to its customers on a timely basis. For these reasons, Infosat respectfully requests grant of STA on the earliest possible date for a period of up to one hundred-eighty (180) days, pending grant of the attached Section 214 application.

Infosat hereby certifies that no party to this request is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

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Questions with respect to this matter should be directed to Joseph A. Godles, Esq., Infosat's counsel, at Goldberg, Godles, Wiener & Wright, 1229 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 429-4900.

Respectfully submitted,

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(d) The Applicant has not previously received Section 214 authority. In a separate application, Infosat is requesting authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(6) of the Commission's rules to provide mobile satellite services using the Canadian-licensed MSAT-1 satellite.

(e) Infosat is requesting global Section 214 authority: (1) under Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's rules to provide international basic switched, private line, data, television, and business services to all international points, except those on the FCC's exclusion list, using licensed U.S. facilities and necessary overseas connecting facilities; and (2) under Section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules to operate as a resale carrier.

(f) N/A.

(g) This application does not involve any new construction and, therefore, it is categorically excluded from environmental processing pursuant to Section 1.1306 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1306.

(h) Infosat's parent company, also named Infosat Communications, Inc., provides mobile satellite services in Canada via the Inmarsat and MSAT systems. As a result, this application is subject to the rules and policies set forth in the Foreign Participation Order, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997). In that Order, the Commission adopted an open entry standard for applications from service suppliers in World Trade Organization ("WTO") members, such as Canada. "The Commission adopted a strong presumption" that entry by a carrier "from a WTO Member country does not pose competitive