

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

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In the Matter of
LoTel, Inc. d/b/a
Coordinated Billing Services

Streamlined ITC-TAO-19990302-00158
LOTEL, INC.
COORDINATED BILLING SERVICES

Application for Special Temporary)
Operating Authority pursuant)
to 47 C.F.R. Section 63.04)
as amended, to resell service)
of other common carriers to)
provide switched service from)
the United States to)
international points.)

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Granted
Telecommunications Division
date: **MAR 31 1999**
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Expires: Sept 27, 1999

Roy J. Turner
CHIEF, Policy & Facilities Branch

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY

LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services ("Coordinated Billing Services") hereby requests authority, pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 63.04 (1992), for special temporary operating authority to resell the international message communications services of other common carriers between the United States and various international points. Coordinated Billing Services requires this special temporary operating authority in order to provide international calling service to its customers, and to prevent damage to its business due to the inability to provide this service. Coordinated Billing Services has previously applied for international operating authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 214 (1988), and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 63.18 (1992).

Coordinated Billing Services is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota. Coordinated Billing Services has no foreign affiliations. The company intends to resell the telecommunications facilities of other common carriers and is not a facilities-based carrier. Coordinated Billing Services will offer service nationwide. Through its service,

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customers may originate calls nationwide or in other countries for termination in the United States or to other countries. The company seeks authority to resell international telecommunications services to better serve its customers by offering a full range of telecommunications products and services. By providing international calling services Coordinated Billing Services will be able to offer its customers a valuable service at competitive rates.

Coordinated Billing Services has previously applied for international operating authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 214 (1988), and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 63.18 (1992). Coordinated Billing Services' application for this authority was received for processing by the Mellon Bank on February 19, 1999. A file-stamped copy of this application is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Coordinated Billing Services originally planned to have received Section 214 operating authority by January 1, 1999. However, Coordinated Billing Services' application for this authority was returned twice by the Mellon Bank due to filing irregularities. In each case, the Mellon Bank returned the filing to a location other than applicant's counsel, resulting in further delays. This has resulted in Coordinated Billing Services having a substantial customer base, without the ability to provide these customers with international calling service. If Coordinated Billing Services is unable to provide these customers with international service within the next several weeks, Coordinated Billing Services estimates that it will suffer substantial damages.

The provision of international serviced by Coordinated Billing Services will not have any significant impact on the general provision of such service to the public. Additional competition in the market, however, benefits consumers of international telecommunications services. The benefits of competition include lower prices and increased availability of a variety of service options. The grant of this authorization will increase competition in the market. Thus, the grant of this authorization is consistent with the public interest. Coordinated Billing Services believes

that both this application for Special Temporary Operating Authority as well as its original Section 214 application are non-controversial, and will not have a significant affect upon the larger telecommunications industry.

In support of this request for Special Temporary Operating Authority, Coordinated Billing Services submits the following information pursuant to Section 63.18 of the Commission Rules, 47 C.F.R., Section 63.18.

(a) The name and address of applicant:

LoTel, Inc.
8120 Penn Avenue South
Suite 159
Bloomington, MN 55431

Mailing Address:

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8120 Penn Avenue South
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Bloomington, MN 55431

(b) LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services is incorporated under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

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

Leon Oistad, President
LoTel, Inc.
8120 Penn Avenue South
Suite 159
Bloomington, MN 55431

and

Steven C. Clay
Attorney at Law
310 Fourth Avenue South
Suite 900
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Attorney for Applicant

- (d) Coordinated Billing Services has not previously received § 214 authority under the Communications Act of 1934. Coordinated Billing Services has requested § 214 authority in a filing to the Commission date-stamped February 19, 1999, and attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- (e) Coordinated Billing Services requests Special Temporary Operating Authority pursuant to Section 63.04 of the Commission's rules in order to provide global facilities-based and resale service on a temporary basis, pending the grant of its Section 214 application.
- (f) At this time, Coordinated Billing Services seeks no other authority available under § 63.18(e).
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Coordinated Billing Services is not affiliated with any U.S. or foreign carrier.
The only individuals or entities which own 10 percent or more of the stock or equity in Coordinated Billing Services are as follows:

Leon Oistad
8120 Penn Avenue South
Suite 159
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- The 10 percent equity holder is a U.S. citizen whose principal business is as an officer of LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services.
- (i) Coordinated Billing Services certifies that it has not agreed and will not agree in the future to accept any direct or indirect special concessions from a foreign carrier or administration with regards to traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign countries the company is authorized to serve.
- (j) Coordinated Billing Services certifies that no party to this application has been denied federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CONCLUSION

As demonstrated in this application, LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services is legally, financially and technically qualified to provide the services for which it requests authority. For the reasons stated above, applicant submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Section 214 application.

Dated this 17 day of March, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services
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By: 

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Exhibit 1



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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
IB Telecommunications Division
P.O. Box 358115
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

RE: Application of LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to resell service of other common carriers to provide switched services from the United States to various international points

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of the application of LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services in the above-referenced matter.

A check in the amount of \$745.00 is enclosed as a filing fee, along with FCC Form 159. This application is filed pursuant to streamlined filing requirements for international resellers.

A copy of this cover letter is included to be stamped as filed and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope as acknowledgment of this filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to Steven C. Clay, attorney for applicant, at 612-321-9241, or by mail at the address above.

Sincerely,



Steven C. Clay
Attorney for LoTel, Inc.
d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services

Enc.

cc: Mr. Leon Oistad
LoTel, Inc.
d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services

ANTI-DRUG ABUSE CERTIFICATION

Neither LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services, nor any party to this application, as defined in CFR 1.2002 (b)(2), is subject to a denial of Federal and/or State benefits, as provided in the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 833a.



Leon Oistad, President
LoTel, Inc.
d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services
8120 Penn Avenue South
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Bloomington, MN 55431

Dated: March 1, 1999

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that LoTel, Inc. d/b/a Coordinated Billing Services is not affiliated with any foreign carrier, nor is it affiliated with any facilities-based carrier whose services it intends to resell. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the statements made in this application are true and correct.



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Dated: March 1, 1999