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DA 01-297

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ENTEL-CHILE AND STET INTERNATIONAL NETHERLANDS N.V. SEEK CONSENT FOR STET TO ACQUIRE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINES HELD BY AMERICATEL CORPORATION

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones S.A. (ENTEL-Chile) and STET International Netherlands N.V. (STET) (Applicants), have filed a joint application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, requesting Commission approval for STET to acquire and operate domestic transmission lines held by Americatel Corporation, a subsidiary of ENTEL-Chile.¹ ENTEL-Chile is authorized to provide domestic interstate services pursuant to blanket section 214 authority. The proposed acquisition of lines is related to an acquisition of corporate control by which STET, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telecom Italia S.p.A., will acquire a controlling interest in ENTEL-Chile. Although the controlling interest in Americatel's ultimate corporate parent will change, it will continue to provide services to its existing customers under existing service arrangements, pursuant to its section 214 authority.

Americatel states that it serves the needs of customers with connections to Latin America and the Caribbean by providing international and domestic long distance services, including casual calling (*i.e.*, "dial around") service, prepaid calling card service and Internet services. Americatel further states that neither Telecom Italia of North America, Inc. nor Telemedia International USA, Inc., the U.S. affiliates of STET, provide U.S. domestic telecommunications services in competition with Americatel.²

¹ See ENTEL-Chile, Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic Section 214 Authorization from ENTEL-Chile to STET (filed Jan. 19, 2001). Applicants have filed separate applications with the Commission's International Bureau to transfer control of Americatel's international section 214 authorization (ITC-T/C-20010119-00047, Report No. TEL-00349S, rel. Feb. 2, 2001) and cable landing license (SCI-MOD-20010119-00001, Report No. TEL-00345NS, rel. Jan. 26, 2001), as well as an international section 214 authorization (ITC-T/C-20010119-00048, Report No. TEL-00349S, rel. Feb. 2, 2001) and earth station licenses held by Americatel's affiliate, AmericaSky Corporation (SES-T/C-20010119-00126, Report No. SES-00257 rel. Jan. 31, 2001). See also ISP-PDR-20010119-00002, Report No. TEL-00346NS, rel. Jan. 31, 2001.

² See Letter from Troy F. Tanner, Counsel for STET International Netherlands N.V., to Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Esq., Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed Jan. 30, 2001).

SECTION 214 APPLICATION

Part 63 – Domestic Service (47 C.F. R. § 63.01)

ENTEL-Chile and STET have filed a joint application pursuant to section 214 for STET to acquire and operate domestic transmission lines held by Americatel Corporation. The application has been assigned file number CCBPol No. 01-01.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application listed herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules or policies.

Final action will not be taken on this application earlier than 15 days following the date of this notice. Interested parties may file comments or petitions to deny on or before **February 19, 2001**. Oppositions to such pleadings may be filed no later than **February 26, 2001**. All filings concerning any or all of the matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to **DA 01-297**, as well as the specific file number of the individual application or other matters to which the filings pertain.

An original and four copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554, in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51 (c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to (1) Bill Dever, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C143, Washington, D.C. 20554, and (2) the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554

Copies of the application and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained from International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 314-3070. The application and documents are available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the Commission's Office of Public Affairs, Reference Operating Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-C314, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a), which permits the Commission to adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires, we announce that this proceeding will be governed by "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

For further information, contact Bill Dever, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.