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COMMENTS INVITED ON E*LINK CORPORATION APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE PROVIDING DOMESTIC SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-479

Section 214 Application **Applicant: E*LINK CORPORATION**

On December 26, 2000, E*Link Corporation ("Applicant") filed an application requesting authority under section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its non-dominant resale common carrier service.

The application states that E*Link Corporation has provided resale common carrier services, predominantly as a toll reseller since June 26, 1995. It has provided services specially designed to serve the needs of the securities industry. In recent years, Applicant has lost customers due to the merger of its customers with firms using other carriers. Additionally, Applicant's customers have migrated to the Internet for many of their communications requirements.

The application states that, as of the date of the application, Applicant has 23 remaining customers and that it has arranged for the transfer of their services to other carriers with no installation or start-of-service charges, and with no change in rates. As Applicant is a resale carrier, there will be no change in the facilities used to service these customers and no interruption of service. The application also states that the transfer of customers to other carriers will be effective January 1, 2001, and that Applicant thereafter will have no customers and provide no service.

The application states that on December 19, 2000, Applicant mailed notice to all affected customers, accompanying Applicant's final bill to each customer and a brief cover letter. Applicant has also certified that on February 12, 2001, it notified and submitted a copy of its application to the public utility commission and Governor of each the State in which the discontinuance is proposed and to the Secretary of Defense.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c), the application will be deemed to be automatically granted on the 31st day after the release date of this notice without any Commission notification to the applicant, unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective. The FCC will normally authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or

other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission by **March 19, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-479**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Network Services Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 6-A207, Washington, DC 20554.

The application will be available for review and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-0270. The application may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20TH Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036, telephone 202-857-3800, facsimile 202-857-3805, TTY 202-293-8810.

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For further information on Section 214s please visit our web site at: <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/nsd/documents/214.html>.

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