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COMMENTS INVITED ON PRE-PAY LONG DISTANCE, INC. APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE PROVIDING DOMESTIC SERVICES

NSD File No. W-P-D-477

Section 214 Application **Applicant: Pre-Pay Long Distance, Inc.**

On December 7, 2000, Pre-Pay Long Distance, Inc. ("Pre-Pay" or "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 domestic, interstate operations.¹

The application states Pre-Pay previously provided limited domestic, interstate services originating in the state of New York. Pre-Pay provided domestic message telecommunications service (1+), international message telecommunications service (1+), private line services and prepaid telephone card service under its FCC Tariff No. 1. The application also states that Pre-Pay is considered a non-dominant carrier.

The application states that, on July 25, 2000, Pre-Pay (along with ATI Rentals, Inc.) merged into Interoute Wholesale, Inc. (formerly known as ATI Telecom, Inc.) and ceased its operations at that time.² The application also states that Pre-Pay had no affected customers at the time of the merger and that the instant application is being submitted to ensure compliance with the Commission's Rules. Pre-Pay certifies that it has notified and sent a copy of its application to the Secretary of Defense and the Governor and Public Utilities Commission of each state which will be affected by the discontinuance, in accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. 63.71(a) (1999).

¹ Pre-Pay has simultaneously notified the Commission of the discontinuance of its international operations. Pre-Pay was authorized by the Commission to offer resold international telecommunications services pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 214 (1999). Overseas Common Carrier Section 214 Application Actions Taken, *Public Notice*, 11 FCC Rcd. 8077, File No. ITC-96-283 (July 8, 1996).

² The Commission was notified of the transaction on August 24, 2000, under Section 63.24(a)(4) of the Commission's rules. International Authorizations Granted, *Public Notice*, DA No. 00-2003, File No. ITC-T/C-19980903-00788 (August 31, 2000).

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 **January 26, 2001**. Such comments should refer to application file number **W-P-D-477**. 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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