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NON STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Section 214 Applications (47 C.F.R. § 63.18); Cable Landing License Applications (47 C.F.R. § 1.767); Authorize Switched Services over Private Lines (47 C.F.R. § 63.16) and Section 310(b)(4)

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. These applications are not subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. These applications shall not be deemed granted until the Commission affirmatively acts upon the application, either by public notice or by written order. Operation for which authorization is sought may not commence except in accordance with any terms or conditions imposed by the Commission.

Unless otherwise specified, interested parties may file comments with respect to these applications within 28 days of the date of this public notice. We request that such comments refer to the application file number shown below. Ex parte communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Copies of all applications listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Office of Public Affairs Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

ISP-PDR-20020326-00008

Richtec Incorporated

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Richtec Incorporated (Richtec or the Applicant), requests that the Commission find permissible indirect foreign ownership of Richtec in excess of the 25 percent benchmark of Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This request is filed in connection with an application for blanket Authorization to operate 10,000 Inmarsat D+ Mobile Earth Terminals. See FCC File No. SES-LIC-20020228-00442, listed as accepted for filing in Public Notice, Report No. SES-00380 (April 3, 2002).

Applicant states that Richtec, a U.S. corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Richtec PLC, a United Kingdom (U.K.) company. Richtec PLC's shareholders that hold a 10 percent or greater interest are as follows: 1) 14.48 percent, U.K. individual, 2) 14.46 percent, U.K. individual, 3) 13.74 percent, U.K. individual, and 4) 10.47 percent, Advent Ltd., U.K. private limited company, totaling 53.15 percent. The remaining 46.85 percent ownership interests is held by individual shareholders that are currently all citizens of, and reside in, the U.K., none of which own more than 10% of Richtec PLC. Applicant asserts that, pursuant to the rules and policies established in the Commission's Foreign Participation Order, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997), Order on Reconsideration, 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000), the home market of each of the named foreign investors is the U.K., which is a WTO Member. Interested parties may file comments by April 26, 2002, and reply comments by May 3, 2002.

REMINDER:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001–.2003.

The Commission most recently amended its rules applicable to international telecommunications common carriers in IB Docket No. 98-118, Review of International Common Carrier Regulations, FCC 99-51, released March 23, 1999, 64 Fed. Reg. 19,057 (Apr. 19, 1999). An updated version of Section 63.09-.24 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/telecomrules.html>.