## FOREIGN CARRIER AFFILIATION NOTIFICATION ATTACHMENT

Upon consummation of the GCI-Liberty transaction<sup>1</sup> on March 9, 2018, The Alaska Wireless Network, LLC ("AWN") became affiliated with two foreign carriers in the Bahamas, Columbus Communications Limited ("CCL") and The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited ("BTC"). Because the Bahamas is not yet a WTO member, AWN recognizes that it should have filed this notification prior to consummation; AWN inadvertently failed to file its foreign carrier affiliation for BTC and CCL before consummation.

## Question 5 – Country for which carrier is notifying the Commission of an affiliation

AWN notifies the Commission of its affiliation with the following foreign carriers in the Bahamas as of March 9, 2018, the date of consummation of the associated transaction:

| Country              | Foreign Carrier                                | Dominant<br>Status? |
|----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Bahamas <sup>2</sup> | The Bahamas Telecommunications Company Limited | Y                   |
|                      | Columbus Communications Limited                | N                   |

## **Question 7 – Date of filing of Transfer of Control**

The following transfer of control application, filed May 1, 2017, addressed the transaction giving rise to the affiliation with CCL and BTC, each a foreign carrier:

Consolidated Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of International and Domestic Section 214 Authority of General Communication, Inc. to GCI Liberty, Inc., ITC-T/C-20170501-00092.

The transfer of control application has been granted. *See Joint Application of General Communication, Inc. and GCI Liberty, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd. 9349 (Wireline Comp., Int'l, Media, and Wireless Telecomm'ns Burs. 2017).* 

Consolidated Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of International and Domestic Section 214 Authority of General Communication, Inc. to GCI Liberty, Inc., ITC-T/C-20170501-00092.

Although the Bahamas is in the process of acceding to the World Trade Organization, it is not yet a member. *See* World Trade Organization, Bahamas—Accession Status (last visited December 7, 2017), https://www.wto.org/english/thewto\_e/acc\_e/a1\_bahamas\_e.htm.

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## **Question 9 – Time for filing prior notification**

AWN recognizes that it should have filed as a prior notification for its affiliation with BTC and CCL. AWN inadvertently missed filing the notification at least forty-five business days prior to consummation.

# **Question 14 – Foreign carrier market power in destination markets**

AWN has responded "no" to Question 14 with respect to BTC, which holds greater than 50 percent of the international transport, intercity, and local telecommunications markets in the Bahamas. Please see response to Question 15, below.

Columbus Communications Limited ("CCL")—the other foreign carrier affiliate in the Bahamas—however, lacks market power in the Bahamas. CCL satisfies the requirement of 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(3). CCL lacks 50 percent market share in the international transport and the local access markets in the Bahamas. CCL also has no ability to discriminate against unaffiliated U.S. international carriers through the control of bottleneck services or facilities in the Bahamas, and CCL does not appear on the Commission's list of foreign telecommunications carriers presumed to possess market power in foreign telecommunications markets.<sup>3</sup>

### **Question 15 – Public Interest Showing**

It continues to serve the public interest for AWN to operate on the U.S.-Bahamas route. The FCC has already approved the GCI-Liberty transaction, including for the U.S.-Bahamas route, as being in the public interest.<sup>4</sup> As explained below in response to Question 16, AWN continues to qualify for non-dominant status on the U.S.-Bahamas route. AWN provides international service to the Bahamas solely through the resale of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers' international switched services and continues to do so after consummation of the transaction. As a reseller of international switched services, AWN currently offers its customers the ability to place calls to the Bahamas. It serves the public interest for AWN to continue to provide this service to its customers without interruption.

### **Question 16 – Continued qualification for non-dominant status**

AWN requests continued regulation as a non-dominant international carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(3) for CCL and (a)(4) for both CCL and BTC. AWN provides international

See International Bureau Revises and Reissues the Commission's List of Foreign Telecommunications Carriers that Are Presumed to Possess Market Power in Foreign Telecommunications Markets, Public Notice, DA 07-233, 22 FCC Rcd. 945 (Int'l Bur. 2007) ("FCC Foreign Market Power List").

See Joint Application of General Communication, Inc. and GCI Liberty, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd. 9349 (Wireline Comp., Int'l, Media, and Wireless Telecomm'ns Burs. 2017).

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service to the Bahamas solely through the resale of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers' international switched services and continues to do so after consummation of the transaction. AWN therefore should continue to be classified as non-dominant under 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(4). Pursuant to Section 63.10(a)(4), AWN will notify the Commission in the event that it begins to re-sell the international switched services of carriers other than unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers, including either a showing of qualification for non-dominant treatment or a commitment to comply with the dominant carrier obligations enumerated in 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(c).

## **Question 17 – Newly affiliated foreign carriers**

See response to Question 5, above.

### Question 18 – Services that AWN is authorized to provide in the above countries

As required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.11(e)(3), AWN certifies that it is authorized to provide global resale services to the Bahamas pursuant to FCC File No. ITC-214-20120618-00162.

## **Question 19 – Countries served solely through resale of services**

As required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.11(e)(4), AWN certifies that it serves the Bahamas solely through the resale of international switched services of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers.

### **Question 20 – Ownership information**

As required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.11(e)(5), AWN certifies that it has the following 10-percent-or-greater direct or indirect owners:

### GCI Wireless Holdings, LLC ("GCI Wireless")

Address: 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Citizenship: Alaska

Principal Business: holding company

Relationship: GCI Wireless holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in AWN.

## GCI Communication Corp. ("GCICC")

Address: 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Citizenship: Alaska

Principal Business: telecommunications

Relationship: GCICC holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in GCI Wireless.

## GCI Holdings, LLC ("GCIH")

Address: 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Citizenship: Delaware

Principal Business: holding company

Relationship: GCIH holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in GCICC.

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# Ventures Holdco, LLC ("Ventures Holdco")

Address: 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Citizenship: Delaware

Principal Business: holding company

Relationship: Ventures Holdco holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in GCIH.

### GCI, LLC ("GCI")

Address: 2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Citizenship: Alaska

Principal Business: holding company

Relationship: GCI holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in Ventures Holdco.

### GCI Liberty, Inc. ("GCI Liberty")

Address: 12300 Liberty Boulevard, Englewood, Colorado 80112

Citizenship: Alaska, to be reincorporated in Delaware upon shareholder approval

Principal Business: holding company

Relationship: GCI Liberty holds a 100-percent voting-and-equity interest in GCI.

#### Dr. John C. Malone

Address: c/o GCI Liberty, Inc., 12300 Liberty Boulevard, Englewood, CO 80112

Citizenship: USA

Principal Business: telecommunications and investments

Relationship: Dr. Malone is projected to hold a 25.63-percent voting interest and a 3.7-

percent equity interest in GCI Liberty.

No other person or entity holds a 10-percent-or-greater direct or indirect voting or equity interest in AWN.

### **Question 21 – Interlocking directorates**

None of the directors of AWN performs the duties of officer or director for any foreign carrier.