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April 20, 2016

**VIA IBFS**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Hart Communications, Inc.  
Notice of Involuntary Transfer of Control  
File No. ITC-214-20060727-00369**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Hart Communications, Inc. (“HCI”) and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(g), HCI hereby files this notification of an involuntary transfer of control arising from the death of Lee Barton, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of HCI’s parent company, Lintel, Inc. (“Lintel”). Mr. Barton died on March 21, 2016. Prior to his death, Mr. Barton was approximately ninety-five percent (95%) owner of Lintel. Mr. Barton controlled Lintel. Lintel, in turn, is the one hundred percent (100%) owner of HCI.<sup>1</sup>

With Mr. Barton’s passing and pursuant to his estate planning, the ability to vote Mr. Barton’s interest in Lintel passed to his two co-executors: (1) his daughter, Catherine Leigh Barton, an existing Director of Lintel; and (2) James R. Daniel, Jr., President and an existing Director of Lintel, is also the President of HCI. Ms. Barton and Mr. Daniel are both US Citizens. Any voting by the co-executors of Mr. Barton’s prior ownership in Lintel must be unanimous and will be exercised by Ms. Barton and Mr. Daniel. HCI notes that its day-to-day operation is and will continue to be managed by Mr. Daniel. Any transfer of Mr. Barton’s interest in HCI out

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<sup>1</sup> HCI also operates as a domestic resale long distance provider. Lintel also is the sole owner of Hart Telephone Company (“HTC”), a rural incumbent local exchange carrier operating approximately 5,500 access lines in and around Hartwell, Georgia and in portions of Hart County in the northeast portion of the State of Georgia. To the extent that a domestic transfer of control application is required to be filed, the requested extension of time to make such filing is joined in by HTC and HCI (as such request extends also to HCI’s domestic operations).

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of the Estate of Lee Barton will be accomplished consistent with applicable Commission rules regarding transfers of control.<sup>2</sup>

Because it is uncertain whether, in conjunction with this 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(g) notification, an application for the transfer of control of Mr. Barton's prior voting interest in HCI is required, HCI respectfully requests to the extent necessary an extension of time to submit such application (which, if required, HCI will otherwise plan to do before the end of April, 2016 if not sooner). Good cause exists for a grant of this request. In addition to the noted uncertainty under Section 63.24(g), the voting interests are held by United States citizens, HCI is voluntarily bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission, and allowing the requested additional time will not otherwise impact the on-going operations of HCI and the consumers it serves.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Moorman

Attachment

cc: D. Krech, Associate Division Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division,  
International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission (via email)  
S. Mukhoty, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau,  
Federal Communications Commission (via email)  
D. Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission (via email); a copy of this letter submission  
was also file in the Commission's ETFS as an "undocketed proceeding."

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<sup>2</sup> Attached hereto is the Declaration of James R. Daniel, Jr., President of HCI and the President and a Director of Lintel, attesting to the truthfulness of the facts in this letter notification.

**DECLARATION**

On behalf of Hart Communications, Inc. (the "Company"), I, the undersigned President for the Company and the President and a Director of Lintel, Inc., hereby certify that the foregoing letter notification are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

James R. Daniel, Jr.  
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4/20/16  
Date