

Answer to Question 14

Section 63.18(h): First Telecom Services, LLC (“FTS”) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Communications, Inc. (“FCI”). FCI is a Delaware corporation and a holding company. The address of FCI is 3340 Market St., Akron, OH 44333. The following individuals or entities hold a 10 percent or greater equity interest in FCI and thus in FTS.

Marbel Investments, LLC (“Marbel”). Marbel is a U.S. limited liability company whose principal business is investment. Marbel holds a 19.29 percent equity interest in FCI and thus in FTS. Marshall Belden, Timothy Belden, and Susan Belden (collectively “the Beldens”) and the Kismet Foundation each hold a 25 percent ownership interest in Marbel and thus a 4.8 percent interest in FCI/FTS. The Beldens and the Kismet Foundation are U.S. citizens. The principal business of the Beldens is investment; the Kismet Foundation is a charitable organization. The address of Marbel, the Beldens, and the Kismet Foundation is 612 Market Ave. South, Canton, OH 44702.

FirstEnergy Corp. (“FirstEnergy”). FirstEnergy is a U.S. corporation whose principal business is energy. FirstEnergy holds a 14.34 percent equity interest in FCI and thus in FTS. No individual or entity that holds an equity interest in FirstEnergy holds a 10 percent or greater equity interest in FTS under the FCC’s ownership attribution rules. The address of FirstEnergy is 76 S. Main Street, Suite 1600, Akron, OH 44308.

Gores FC Holdings, LLC (“Gores FC”). Gores FC is a U.S. limited liability company and a holding company. Gores FC holds 13.01 percent of the equity in FCI. The following entities own or control a 10 percent or greater equity interest in Gores FC:

Name: Gores Alternative Investments I, L.P. (“Gores Alternative I”)
Citizenship: U.S.
Ownership: 44.1%
Principal Business: Investment fund

Name: Gores Alternative Investments II, L.P. (“Gores Alternative II”)
Citizenship: U.S.
Ownership: 20.76%
Principal Business: Investment fund

Name: Gores Co-Invest Partnership, L.P. (“Gores Co-Invest”)
Citizenship: U.S.
Ownership: 22.5%
Principal Business: Investment fund

Name: Gores Capital Advisors, LLC (“Gores Capital”)
Citizenship: U.S.
Ownership: 10%
Principal Business: Private equity/mergers and acquisitions

Gores Capital is the general partner of Gores Alternative I, Gores Alternative II, and Cores Co-Invest. The managing member of Gores Capital is The Gores Group, LLC (“Gores Group”), a U.S. limited liability company whose principal business is private equity/mergers and acquisitions. Alec E. Gores is managing member of Gores Group and a U.S. citizen whose principal business is investment. The address of Gores FC, Gores Alternative I, Gores Alternative II, Gores Co-Invest, Gores Capital, Gores Group, and Mr. Gores (collectively, “Gores”) is c/o The Gores Group, LLC, 10877 Wilshire Blvd., 18th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

The equity interests of Marbel, FirstEnergy, and Gores as discussed above reflect common stock holdings in FCI. FCI has issued non-voting preferred stock as well, but the equity value of this stock is negligible and the stock is not convertible to common stock. Gores FC, as the majority owner of the preferred stock, has the right to elect a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of FCI. To date, Gores FC has not exercised this right. In addition, FCI cannot take certain actions such as changing or exiting lines of business, incurring indebtedness above a certain level, or hiring any member of senior management without the approval of Gores FC.

No other individual or entity holds a 10 percent or greater ownership interest in FTS under the FCC’s ownership attribution rules. To the best of FTS’s knowledge, there are no interlocking directors.

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Section 63.18(d): FTS does not currently hold international Section 214 authority. Certain subsidiaries of FCI hold Section 214 authority, as follows. First Communications, LLC holds international Section 214 authority, File No. ITC-214-19951215-00030, granted in File No. ITC-ASG-20011101-00509. Xtension Services, Inc. holds international Section 214 authority granted in File No. ITC-214-20010305-00116. Globalcom, Inc. holds international Section 214 authority granted in File No. ITC-214-19960718-00323.

Section 63.18(e)(3): not applicable.

Section 63.18(g): FTS will use previously authorized facilities to provide its facilities-based services and thus this Application is categorically excluded from environmental assessment pursuant to Section 1.1306 of the Commission’s Rules.