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signature Alma Lee

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ITC-STA-20170315-00032
IB2017000700

Benchmark Communications, LLC d/b/a Com One

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Re: ITC-T/C-20170315-00031

International Bureau

Attachment 1

Application for Special Temporary Authority
To Operate Pursuant to International Bureau Authority

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ANSWER TO QUESTION 10

This is a request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA"), submitted pursuant to Section 63.25 of the Commission's rules, seeking temporary authority to allow Benchmark Communications, LLC ("Benchmark") to operate while the pending International Section 214 Transfer of Control application between Benchmark Communications, LLC ("Benchmark") and Crescent Affiliates, Inc. ("Crescent") is completed. Benchmark respectfully requests 60 days temporary authority while the International Section 214 Application is reviewed.

Benchmark, the holder of Section 214 International authority, seeks Commission approval of a transaction which resulted in a change in 50% of the ownership of Benchmark by virtue of a membership interest purchase which did not receive prior FCC approval. Benchmark is a Louisiana limited liability company headquartered in Metairie, Louisiana, and holds blanket Section 214 authority to provide domestic telecommunications services and global resale international telecommunications services, and operates as a provider of cable television, telephone and internet services to multi-dwelling units in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Benchmark is a subsidiary of Hunt Telecommunications, LLC, a Louisiana limited liability company.

In January 2014, Hunt authorized the transfer of fifty percent (50%) of its membership interests of Benchmark to Crescent Affiliates, Inc. ("Crescent"), a Louisiana corporation, via a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement. Crescent is an investor and does not possess any telecommunications licenses. Crescent is 100% owned by U.S. citizens. Further details on Crescent and its owners is set forth in the Section 214 Application.

Benchmark was unaware of the requirements to obtain FCC approval for this transaction, and wishes to make full disclosure of all substantive and non-substantive changes which have occurred involving this transaction.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 12

Section 63.18(f):

Benchmark Communications, LLC is not a foreign carrier nor does it have any foreign carrier affiliations. Crescent is not a telecommunications carrier, and likewise, does not have any foreign carrier affiliations.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 15

See Attachment 2.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 16

Section 63.18(d):

Benchmark Communications, LLC holds the International Section 214 authorization that is the subject of this Application, File No. ITC-214-20041005-00393 granted October 22, 2004.

Section 63.18(e)(3):

Benchmark Communications, LLC is not applying for authority to acquire facilities or to provide services not covered by Sections 63.18(e)(1) and (e)(2) of the Commission's rules, nor is it seeking additional authority under Section 63.18 (e)(3).

Section 63.18(g):

Not applicable.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 15

Ownership:

The following individuals own 10% or more of the equity or voting interests in Benchmark:

A. Pre-Transaction Ownership of Benchmark:

Name: Hunt Telecommunications, LLC ("Hunt")
Address: 106 Metairie Lawn, Suite 220
Metairie, Louisiana 70001
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 100% direct in Benchmark

Name: Kevin Hunt, an individual
Address: 42068 Fire Tower Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 24% direct in Hunt and indirect in Benchmark

Name: Jason Hunt, an individual
Address: 42068 Fire Tower Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70434
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 24% direct in Hunt and indirect in Benchmark

Name: Robert Leithman, an individual
Address: 613 Jefferson Avenue
Metairie, LA 70001
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 17.335% direct in Hunt and indirect in Benchmark

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Name: Madeleine G. Leithman, an individual
613 Jefferson Avenue
Metairie, LA 70001
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Investor
Ownership: 14.701% direct in Hunt and indirect in Benchmark

No other person or entity holds 10% or more of the equity or voting interests in Benchmark pre-transaction.

B. Post-Closing Ownership of Benchmark:

Name: Hunt Telecommunications, LLC
Address: 106 Metairie Lawn, Suite 220
Metairie, Louisiana 70001
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 50% direct in Benchmark

Name: Kevin Hunt, an individual
Address: 42068 Fire Tower Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 24% direct in Hunt and 12% indirect in Benchmark

Name: Jason Hunt, an individual
Address: 42068 Fire Tower Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70434
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Telecommunications
Ownership: 24% direct in Hunt and 12% indirect in Benchmark

Name: Crescent Affiliates, Inc.
Address: 106 Metairie Lawn, Suite 220
Metairie, Louisiana 70001
Citizenship: United States
Principal Business: Investments
Ownership: 50% direct in Benchmark

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Name: Mark L. Guidry, an individual
Address: 426 Dorrington Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005

Citizenship: United States

Principal Business: Investor
Ownership: 50% direct in Crescent, and 25% indirect in Benchmark

Name: Joan P. Guidry
Address: 426 Dorrington Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005

Citizenship: United States

Principal Business: Investor
Ownership: 50% direct in Crescent, and 25% indirect in Benchmark

No other person or entity holds 10% or more of the equity or voting interests in any of the entities. There are no interlocking directorates.

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INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY APPLICATION
FCC FORM 214STA
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Enter a description of this application to identify it on the main menu:
Request for Special Temporary Authority to allow Benchmark Communications, LLC to operate while the pending International 214 Transfer of Control application between Benchmark Communications, LLC and Crescent Affiliates, Inc. is completed

1. Applicant

Name: Benchmark Communications, LLC d/b/a Com One Phone Number: 504-832-1984
DBA Name: Fax Number: 504-488-2429
Street: 106 Metairie Lawn E-Mail: mark@theguidry.s.com
Suite 220
City: Metairie State: LA
Country: USA Zipcode: 70001 -
Attention: Mr Mark L Guidry

2. Contact

Name: Leon Nowalsky Phone Number: 5048321984
Company: Nowalsky & Gothard, APLLC Fax Number: 5048310892
Street: 1420 Veterans Blvd. E-Mail: lnowalsky@nbglaw.com
City: Metairie State: LA
Country: USA Zipcode: 70005 -
Contact Title: Relationship: Legal Counsel

3. Place of Incorporation of Applicant Louisiana

4. Other Company(ies) and Place(s) of Incorporation

5. Service Type(s) (check all that apply)

- Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based Authority (Section 63.18(e)(1))
- Global or Limited Global Resale Authority (Section 63.18(e)(2))
- Individual Facilities-Based Service (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Individual Switched Resale Service (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Individual Facilities-Based and Resale Service (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Switched Services over Private Lines (ISR) (Section 63.16 and/or 63.18 (e)(3))
- Inmarsat and Mobile Satellite Service (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Overseas Cable Construction (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Individual Non-Interconnected Private Line Resale Service (Section 63.18(e)(3))
- Other (Section 63.18(e)(3))

TYPE OF REQUEST

6. New Request Extend STA Date Other

7. Date Authorization Needed:

8.

Is a fee submitted with this application?

- If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114).
- Governmental Entity Noncommercial educational licensee
- Other (please explain):

9. Description of Special Temporary Authority Requested.

Request for Special Temporary Authority to allow Benchmark Communications, LLC to operate while the pending International 214 Transfer of Control application between Benchmark Communications, LLC and Crescent Affiliates, Inc. is completed

10. In Attachment 1, provide justification of need for special temporary authority requested.

11. If this request for Special Temporary Authority is associated with any pending applications filed with the Commission, enter either the file number [e.g., TC-214-19930101-23412] or the IB Submission ID of the pending application [e.g., IB200311111] AND go to question 16.)
 File Number or Submission ID IB2017000699

Applicant certifies that its responses to questions 11 through 17 are true:

12. If the applicant is a foreign carrier, or is affiliated (as defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 63.09(e)) with a foreign carrier, provide in Attachment 1 the information and certifications required by Section 63.18(i) through (m).

13. Does the applicant seek authority to provide service to any destination described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of Section 63.18(j)? If yes, list those destinations in Attachment 1 as a response to question 12. Yes No

14. Does the applicant seek authority to provide service to any destinations other than those listed in response to question 12 where it has an affiliation with a foreign carrier? If yes, list those destinations in Attachment 1 as a response to question 13. Yes No

15. [Section 63.18(h)] In Attachment 2, provide the name, address, citizenship and principal business of the applicant's ten percent or greater direct and indirect shareholders or other equity holders, and identify any interlocking directorates.

16. In Attachment 1, respond to paragraphs (d), (e)(3) and (g) of Section 63.18.

17. By checking Yes, the undersigned certifies that neither applicant nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. *See 47 CFR 1.2002(b) for the meaning of "party to the application" for these purposes.* Yes No

18. By checking Yes, the applicant certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from a foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses sufficient market power on the foreign end of the route to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market and will not enter into such agreements in the future. Yes No

CERTIFICATION

19. Typed Name of Person Signing Leon Nowalsky	20. Title of Person Signing Legal Counsel
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(U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

21. 1: Attachment 1

2: Attachment 2

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