Application of Newcastle Holdings, Inc.

Attachment 1

for Transfer of Control

214 Authority - ITC-214-200601130-0039

## **Answer to Question 10**

In Attachment 1, please respond to paragraphs (c) and (d) of <u>Section 63.18</u> with respect to the assignor/transferor and the assignee/transferee.

## 63.18(c)

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## Answer to Question 10 (cont'd)

63.18(d)

Newcastle Holdings, Inc. holds an International Telecommunications Certification for global and/or limited global resale service, File No. ITC-214-2006-001130-0039, which was granted on February 10, 2006. *See* Public Notice, Report No. TEL-00997, DA No. 06-360, released February 16, 2006.

## **Answer to Question 11**

Does any entity, directly or indirectly, own at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the assignee/transferee as determined by successive multiplication in the manner specified in the note to <u>Section 63.18(h)</u> of the rules?

If you answered "Yes" to this question, provide in Attachment 1, the name, address, citizenship, and principal businesses of each person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the assignee/transferee, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those persons or entities (to the nearest one percent).

## The 10% or greater shareholder of Newcastle Holdings, Inc.:

	% Equity	Citizenship	Principal Business
American Broadband Acquisition Corp. IV	100%	USA	Telecom

# The 10% or greater shareholders of American Broadband Acquisition Corp. IV ("ABAC IV"):

17 ).	% Equity	Citizenship	Principal Business
American Broadband Communications, LLC	40%	USA	Telecom
Signal Secondary Fund LP ("SSF")	$42.9\%^{1}$	USA	Investments

In 2012, SSF acquired an additional 4.7% minority interest in Newcastle resulting in SSF's current ownership percentage in Newcastle of 42.9%. This is the only ownership change in SSF's ownership interest in Newcastle since the June 2006 consummation date.

## Answer to Question 11 (cont'd)

Although holding only 42.9% of ABAC IV's equity, SSF controlled ABAC IV by virtue of a shareholders' agreement that grants SSF the right to appoint three (3) of the five (5) members of the ABAC IV board of directors.

## The 10% or greater shareholder of American Broadband Communications, LLC ("ABB"):

	% Equity	Citizenship	Principal Business
The Estate of Patrick L. Eudy <sup>2</sup>	100%	USA	Testamentary Distribution

## The 10% or greater shareholders and controlling entity of Signal Secondary Fund LP ("SSF") that have a derivative ownership of 10% or greater in Newcastle are as follows:

	% Equity	Citizenship	Principal Business
Ostin Revocable Trust	33.0%	US	Investments
Louisa Stud Sarofim Revocable Trust	33.0%	US	Investments

SSF's operations are controlled by its single General Partner, Signal Secondary Advisors, LLC ("SSA"). SSA has a 1% General Partnership interest in SSF. SSA is wholly owned by SSF Advisors, LLC ("SSF Advisors"). SSF Advisors therefore controls SSF by virtue of SSF Advisors owning 100% of SSA.

The 10% or greater owners of SSF Advisors are Timothy P. Bradley (36.8%); Alfred J. Puchala, Jr. (36.8%); and Charles T. Lake II (18.4%); each a citizen of the United States whose principal business is investments.

Each of the individuals and entities noted above may be contacted through SSF Advisors, LLC, 805 Third Avenue, Suite 1202, New York, New York, 10002.

It is the understanding of SSF that, at some time after the consummation of the transaction in June of 2006, Mr. Eudy became the sole owner of American Broadband Communications, LLC. Mr. Eudy passed away in June of 2013, and, subsequently, his ownership interest has become the property of his estate.

#### **Answer to Question 13**

Provide in Attachment 1 a narrative of the means by which the proposed assignment or transfer of control will take place. In circumstances of a substantial assignment or transfer of control pursuant to <u>Section 63.24(e)</u>, where the assignor seeks authority to assign only a portion of its U.S. international assets and/or customer base, please specify whether the assignor requests authority to continue to operate under any or all of its international Section 214 File Nos. after consummation; and, if so, please specify in Attachment 1 each File No. it seeks to retain in its own name.

The instant application for transfer of control is required to address errors in the ownership of Newcastle Holdings, Inc. ("Newcastle") as described in the accompanying application for Special Temporary Authority filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

In light of these facts, Newcastle responded "no" to Question 22 in the FCC electronic form with respect to the transfer of control requiring the consent of the Commission.

## **Answer to Question 20**

If the applicant desires streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, provide in Attachment 1 a statement of how the application qualifies for streamlined processing. (See Section 63.18(p).) Note that, if the application is being filed in connection with a sale of assets or reorganization of a carrier or its parent pursuant to the U.S. bankruptcy laws, the application may not be eligible for streamlined processing until final bankruptcy court approval of the proposed sale or reorganization.

This application qualifies for streamlined processing under Sections 63.12(a) and (b) of the Commission's Rules.

Newcastle Holdings, Inc. ("Newcastle") is not affiliated with any foreign carrier in any destination market.

Newcastle has no an affiliation with a dominant U.S. long distance carrier whose international switched or private line services the applicants seek authority to resell.

Rather, Newcastle proposes through this application to correct errors in its ownership as reported in the original grant of global resale authority to it. Newcastle, through its whollyowned subsidiary, Dalton Telecommunications, Inc. (*see* Public Notice, Report No. TEL-011107, DA No. 07-104, released January 18, 2007 at 3-4), will continue to operate as a non-dominant carrier that resells the international switched services of one or more U.S. unaffiliated long distance carriers.