

Application for Consent to Transfer of Control of International 214 Authorized Carrier

I. INTRODUCTION

The Estate of Martin J. Tibbitts (“Transferee” or “Applicant”) hereby requests approval of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.24 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.24, to the involuntary international 214 transfer of control of Multiline Long Distance, Inc., an Ohio corporation, (“Licensee”) from Martin J. Tibbitts (“Transferor”).

For the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that this Application is subject to the Commission’s “streamlined” processing rules found in Section 63.12 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12, and thus prompt approval can be accomplished because there are no competitive concerns that could delay Commission approval of the transfer. Applicant has already submitted a separate application with respect to domestic 214 authority.¹

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

On April 14, 2017, Transferor filed international 214 transfer of control applications seeking consent from the Commission to acquire a 100% interest in Licensee and five other carriers from various individuals.² An international 214 transfer of control application for National Access Long Distance, Inc. was subsequently filed on February 22, 2018.³ The Commission accepted each international 214 transfer of control application under streamlined processing procedures,⁴ and ultimately granted each of the applications.

On July 20, 2018, Transferor unexpectedly passed away. The Wayne County (Michigan) Probate Court appointed Belinda G. Tibbitts as Special Personal Representative of the Estate of Martin J. Tibbitts, the Transferee in this Application, on July 26, 2018.⁵ Transferor’s interest in Licensee and the other carriers has been transferred to the Estate.

¹ See WC Docket No. 18-112.

² See File Nos. ITC-T/C-20170417-00071; ITC-T/C-20170417-00080; ITC-T/C-20170417-00077; ITC-T/C-20170417-00075; ITC-T/C-20170417-00076; ITC-T/C-20170417-00078; and ITC-T/C-20180222-00041. The other carriers are Business Network Long Distance, Inc., Network Service Billing, Inc., Nationwide Long Distance Service, Inc., Integrated Services, Inc. and Communications Network Billing, Inc.

³ File No. ITC-T/C-20180222-00041.

⁴ *Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing*, Public Notice, Report No. TEL-01859S (Jul. 28, 2017); *Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing*, Public Notice, Report No. TEL-01918S (Jul. 27, 2018).

⁵ See Letters of Authority for Special Personal Representative, State of Michigan Probate Court County of Wayne, File No. 2018-840033-DE.

Transferee has seamlessly continued the provision of services to customers through Licensees without any immediate changes with respect to their service offerings, rates, or terms and conditions of service. Approval of the transfer serves the public interest. The transfer has ensured that affected customers enjoy continuity of high-quality telecommunications service. The transfer has been transparent to Transferor's customers, and, consequently, has not had a negative impact on the public interest, consumers, or competition.

III. ANSWER TO QUESTION 10

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§ 63.18(d) – Section 214 Authority

Licensee has previously received international Section 214 authorizations to provide resold and facilities-based services.⁶ Licensee also holds domestic 214 authority pursuant to Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules. Transferee has not previously received international or domestic Section 214 authorizations.

IV. ANSWER TO QUESTION 13

A description of the transfer is provided in Section II, *supra*.

V. REQUEST FOR STREAMLINED PROCESSING

Applicant requests streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. Licensee is a U.S. carrier that has no affiliation with a foreign carrier in any particular country, and would presumptively be considered non-dominant for the provision

⁶ See File No. ITC-214-20061107-00502.

of international communications services pursuant to Section 63.10(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(1). Licensee provides international service solely through the resale of an unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carrier's international switched services (either directly or indirectly through the resale of another U.S. resale carrier's international switched services) and would also presumptively be classified as non-dominant for the provision of international service pursuant to Section 63.10(a)(4) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.10(a)(4). Accordingly, Applicant qualifies for the streamlined processing procedures under Sections 63.12(a) & (b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.12(a) & (b).