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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF AZUL TEL, INC., TO FLORIDA PHONE SERVICE, INC.

### STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 05-357

**Comments Due: January 13, 2006**

**Reply Comments Due: January 20, 2006**

On December 21, 2005, Florida Phone Service, Inc. ("Florida Phone" or "Transferee") and Azul Tel, Inc. ("Azul Tel" or "Transferor") (together "Applicants"), filed an application, pursuant to sections 63.03 and 63.04 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> seeking authority to enable Florida Phone to acquire certain of Azul Tel's assets.

Applicants assert that this transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules because Florida Phone will have a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of substantially less than 10 percent, will provide competitive telephone exchange services or exchange access services (if at all) exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the proposed transaction, and neither Applicant is dominant with respect to any service.<sup>2</sup> In addition, no radio licenses will be assigned to Florida Phone as part of this transaction.

Azul Tel is a privately-held corporation incorporated in the state of Florida. It provides resold and UNE-based competitive local exchange, intrastate and interstate interexchange, and international telecommunications services, as well as Internet Access services, to residential consumers and small business customers in the state of Florida. Azul Tel also offers a broad range of Internet Protocol-enabled communications services, including retail Voice over Internet Protocol, wholesale international origination and termination service, and enhanced prepaid calling services.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.03, 63.04; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Florida Phone is a privately-held corporation incorporated in the state of Florida. It provides resold competitive local exchange telecommunications services to residential consumers and small business customers in the state of Florida. Florida Phone is managed and controlled by U.S. citizens at the shareholders, board of directors, and management levels. No person or entity, either domestic or foreign, directly or indirectly owns ten percent or more of the equity or voting interests in Florida Phone.

On December 1, 2005, Florida Phone entered into an Agreement (“Agreement”) with Azul Tel to purchase approximately 1,500 of Azul Tel’s local exchange, long distance and Internet Access customer accounts. The exact number of transferred customer accounts will not be known until the proposed transaction closes due to certain conditions specified in the Agreement. Applicants have sent written notice to affected customers informing them of the proposed transaction. Service to the affected customers will not be transferred until the requisite regulatory approvals have been obtained.

Applicants state that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest because the transferred customers will continue to receive from Florida Phone the same telecommunications services they currently receive from Azul Tel, at the same rates, terms and conditions of service that these customers currently receive, and the affected customers will not experience any interruption of service or inconvenience because there is no physical network migration involved. Applicants further assert that the proposed transaction is also in the public interest because affected customers will be transferred to a company with an interest in providing outstanding and affordable telecommunications service to customers that no longer fit within the transferring company’s long-term business plans.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of assets identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of assets application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission’s rules and policies. Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, **interested parties may file comments on or before January 13, 2006 and reply comments on or before January 20, 2006.**<sup>3</sup> Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer the assets and related control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.<sup>4</sup> Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government’s eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies. See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

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<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a).

<sup>4</sup> Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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- (3) Alex Johns, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C317, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [alexis.johns@fcc.gov](mailto:alexis.johns@fcc.gov);
- (4) Susan O'Connell, Policy Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 7-B544, Washington, D.C. 20554; email: [susan.o'connell@fcc.gov](mailto:susan.o'connell@fcc.gov); and
- (5) James Bird, Office of General Counsel, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 8-C824, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [james.bird@fcc.gov](mailto:james.bird@fcc.gov).

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