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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF LINCOLNVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO SHIRLEY MANNING

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 08-84

Comments Due: June 25, 2008

Reply Comments Due: July 2, 2008

On June 4, 2008, Lincolnville Telephone Company (Lincolnville) and Shirley Manning (Ms. Manning) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of Lincolnville to Ms. Manning.¹ Lincolnville is a Maine corporation that provides incumbent local exchange and exchange access services in the rural exchanges of Lincolnville and Lincolnville Beach, Maine. Through its indirect subsidiary, Tidewater Telecom, Inc. (Tidewater), Lincolnville also provides incumbent local exchange and exchange access services in Bremen, Damariscotta, New Harbor, Sheepscot, South Bristol, and Union, Maine. Lincolnville Communications (Communications) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lincolnville that provides interstate interexchange services to the local exchange customers of Lincolnville and Tidewater. Communications also provides competitive local exchange and exchange access services in Camden, Belfast, and Rockland, Maine. Applicants state that no person or entity currently owns 10 percent or more of the equity of Lincolnville, and that Ms. Manning, a U.S. citizen, currently holds an indirect interest in Lincolnville through her 98.5 percent ownership interest in Shepard Hill, Inc., a Maine corporation. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Lincolnville will merge with Shepard Hill, Inc. with Lincolnville emerging as the surviving corporation. Lincolnville will then be owned 98.5 percent by Ms. Manning, and Shepard Hill will cease to exist.² Applicants further state that Ms. Manning has no ownership interest in any other telecommunications carrier. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application on June 9, 2008.

² Applicants state that Lincolnville Networks, Inc., a newly formed Maine corporation that is a subsidiary of Lincolnville, will assume the regulated assets and operations of Lincolnville.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before June 25, 2008**, and reply comments **on or before July 2, 2008**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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

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