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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FROM STREAMLINED TREATMENT

WC Docket No. 07-272

The application listed in this notice has been removed from streamlined treatment pursuant to the Commission's streamlined procedures for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications.[1] Section 63.03(c)(1)(v) of the Commission's rules provides that, at any time after an application is filed, the Commission, acting through the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, may notify an applicant that its application is being removed from streamlined processing where the Commission "determines that the application requires further analysis to determine whether a proposed transfer of control would serve the public interest."[2]

Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of NTS Communications, Inc. to Xfone, Inc., WC Docket No. 07-272

On December 14, 2007, the Commission released a public notice accepting for streamlined processing the domestic section 214 application to transfer control of NTS Communications, Inc. to Xfone, Inc.[3] On December 20, 2007, the Department of Justice, together with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (collectively, the Executive Branch Agencies), filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer grant of this application while the Executive Branch Agencies address potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.[4]

This application is being removed from streamlined review in response to the request filed by the Executive Branch Agencies. Final action on this application should be expected once the Commission

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[1] 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, 17 FCC Rcd 5517 (2002) (*Streamlining Order*).

[2] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

[3] *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed For the Transfer of Control of NTS Communications, Inc. to Xfone, Inc*, WC Docket No. 07-272, Public Notice, DA 07-5005 (rel. Dec. 14, 2007).

[4] *See* Letter from John Connors, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 07-272 (filed Dec. 20, 2007).

has received notification from the Executive Branch Agencies that the evaluation has been completed, but not later than 180 days from public notice that the application was accepted for filing.[5]

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[5] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(c)(2).