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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF UNITY BUSINESS NETWORKS L.L.C. BY TELEPSHERE NETWORKS LTD.

### STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 09-150

**Comments Due: September 8, 2009**

**Reply Comments Due: September 15, 2009**

On August 14, 2009, Telesphere Networks Ltd. (Telesphere) and Unity Business Networks L.L.C. (Unity BN) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules<sup>1</sup> to assign Unity BN's domestic interstate common carrier transmission lines to Telesphere.

Unity BN, an Arizona limited liability company, is authorized as a competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) in Colorado and Minnesota and also provides interstate Voice over Internet Protocol and data services in Colorado, Minnesota, and Oregon. Telesphere, a Washington state corporation, provides interstate services throughout the U.S. Applicants state that the following entities and individual directly or indirectly own at least 10 percent of the equity of Telesphere: Rally Capital (62.3 percent), John Chapple (11.5 percent), and GC Investments LLC (20.3 percent). Teledesic LLC owns or controls 100 percent of Rally Capital, Teledesic Corporation owns or controls 99 percent of Teledesic LLC, Mente LLC owns or controls 88 percent of Teledesic Corporation, and William H. Gates owns or controls the sole membership interest in Mente LLC. All of these entities are U.S.-based and the individuals are U.S. citizens. Applicants state that no other entity holds a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect interest in Telesphere or in any other telecommunications provider. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Telesphere Access, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Telesphere, will acquire Unity BN's competitive LEC assets. Telesphere will acquire substantially all of Unity BN's other assets, including any domestic section 214 authority. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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 August 19, 2009.

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

## **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 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 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before September 8, 2009**, and reply comments **on or before September 15, 2009**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice.<sup>3</sup> 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.
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<sup>3</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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