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### DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF VOIP TEL, L.P.

# STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 10-221

# Comments Due: November 12, 2010 Reply Comments Due: November 19, 2010

On October 19, 2010, Mubarak Maknojia and Muhammad Ali, shareholders of VoIP TEL, L.P. (VoIP TEL) (together, Applicants), filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer of control of VoIP TEL as described below.<sup>1</sup>

VoIP TEL, a Texas limited partnership, provides wholesale telecommunications and prepaid calling card services nationwide, but primarily in Texas. Mr. Maknojia, a U.S. citizen, and Mr. Ali, a citizen of Pakistan, each currently own 50 percent of VoIP TEL. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Mr. Maknojia and Mr. Ali will each transfer a 16.5 percent ownership interest in VoIP TEL to Mr. Amin Hemani, a U.S. citizen, resulting in each shareholder holding a 33 percent direct limited partnership interest.<sup>2</sup> Applicants state that Mr. Hemani does not own any other telecommunications carriers. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>3</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of VoIP Tel, L.P., WC Docket No. 10-221 (filed Oct. 19, 2010).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants also filed an application for transfer of control associated with authorizations for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other pending applications. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application on October 27, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Applicants state that the remaining one percent interest in VoIP TEL is held by VoIP Tech, LLC (Tech), a Texas limited liability company that serves as the managing partner of VoIP TEL. Mr. Maknojia and Mr. Ali currently hold 50 percent ownership interests in Tech. Under the proposed transaction, Mr. Maknojia and Mr. Ali will transfer an equal interest in Tech to Mr. Hemani, resulting in each of the three individuals holding an equal one third ownership interest in Tech.

### **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 November 12, 2010**, and reply comments **on or before November 19, 2010**. 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>4</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.
- 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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<sup>&</sup>lt;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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