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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CONVERSANT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. TO GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 11-136

Comments Due: September 2, 2011
Reply Comments Due: September 9, 2011

On August 9, 2011, Conversant Technologies, Inc. (CTI) and Global Tel*Link Corporation (GTL) (together, Applicants), filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer control of CTI to GTL.

CTI, a Texas corporation, is authorized to provide interstate and inmate telecommunications services to correctional facilities in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Northern Mariana Islands, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

GTL, a Delaware corporation, is authorized to provide interstate and inmate telecommunications services to correctional facilities in the District of Columbia and all states except Alaska. GTL is wholly owned by GTEL Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation. GTEL Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation whose principal business is telecommunications holdings, owns a 100 percent interest in GTEL Holdings, Inc. GTEL Acquisition Corp. is wholly owned by GTEL Holding, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. In addition to its ownership of GTL, DSI-ITI, LLC,² Public Communications Services, Inc.,³ and Value-Added Communications,⁴ GTEL Holding, LLC is affiliated with the following competitive telecommunications companies in which The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., included in the ownership description below, has the following approximate interests: Cequel Communications, LLC (36 percent) and its subsidiary, Suddenlink Communications; Conterra Ultra Broadband Holdings, Inc. (29 percent) and through Conterra, Detel Wireless LLC (12 percent); CURRENT Group, LLC (11 percent);

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.

² DSI-ITI, LLC is certificated to offer inmate calling services in 25 states and the Northern Mariana Islands.

³ Public Communications Services, Inc. and its subsidiaries provide competitive telecommunications services in 30 states.

⁴ Value-Added Communications provides inmate calling services in all states (with the exception of Alaska, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) and Puerto Rico.

Integra Telecom, Inc. (36 percent); and DISH Network Corporation (11 percent), which holds a controlling interest in Liberty-Bell Telecom LLC.

Applicants state that GTEL Holding, LLC is majority owned by: The Veritas Capital Fund III, L.P. (44 percent) and GS Direct, L.L.C. (16 percent). The Veritas Capital Fund III, L.P.'s sole general partner is Veritas Capital Partners III, L.L.C., which is managed by Robert B. McKeon, a U.S. citizen. Credit Suisse Private Equity, Inc. owns an approximate 14 percent indirect interest in GTEL Holding, LLC via its interest in The Veritas Capital Fund III, L.P.⁵ The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. wholly owns GS Direct, L.L.C., including the right to replace Goldman Sachs & Co. as the sole manager of GS Direct, L.L.C., and has an indirect 16 percent interest in GTEL Holding, LLC. All entities are U.S.-based, and Applicants state that no other person or entity will own a 10 percent or greater interest in GTL.

On July 25, 2011, GTL and CTI entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which CTI will transfer all shares to GTL. As a result, CTI will become a wholly owned subsidiary of GTL, and GTL will acquire direct control of CTI. At some time subsequent to consummation of the proposed transfer of control, CTI will transfer all or substantially all of its assets related to the provision of telecommunications services to GTL. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules⁶ and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Conversant Technologies, Inc. to Global Tel*Link Corporation, WC Docket No. 11-136 (filed August 9, 2011).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control 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 2, 2011**, and reply comments **on or before September 9, 2011**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁷ Comments should be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

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⁵ Applicants state that RDV Corporation is the general partner of RDV Capital Management L.P (RDVCM) and the manager of Ver-Cap III Investors, LLC. RDVCM and Ver-Cap III Investors, LLC indirectly own an aggregate 2.95 percent interest in GTEL Holding, LLC via their interests in The Veritas Capital Fund III, L.P. RDV Corporation manages 804 Investors LLC and GT Group Investors, LLC that have 6.42 percent and 3.14 percent interests, respectively, in GTEL Holding LLC. RDV Corporation is owned by members of the DeVos family, who are all U.S. citizens.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

⁷ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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