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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF LA WARD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 11-174

Comments Due: November 4, 2011
Reply Comments Due: November 14, 2011

On October 18, 2011, the Estate of Kenneth L. Green (Estate), the current shareholder of La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. (LTE), and Sandra Green (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer control of LTE from the Estate to Mrs. Green.

LTE, a Texas corporation, is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier serving approximately 828 access lines in three exchanges in southern Texas: La Ward, Lolita, and Port Alto. Mrs. Green's husband, Kenneth L. Green, was the sole shareholder of LTE. Upon Mr. Green's death, his interest in LTE became part of his estate. Mrs. Green, a U.S. citizen, is the executor of the Estate. Applicants state that the proposed transaction will be accomplished by the distribution of 100 percent of the shares of LTE's common stock from the Estate to Sandra Green (60 percent), and her daughters, Terri Green Parker (20 percent) and Nelda Green Putnam (20 percent), both U.S. citizens. Applicants further state that the transferees do not hold ownership interests in any other telecommunications carrier. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii).²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc., WC Docket No. 11-174 (filed Oct. 18, 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

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 wireless services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

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 November 4, 2011**, and reply comments **on or before November 14, 2011**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.³ 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/>.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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- 2) Tracey Wilson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, tracey.wilson@fcc.gov;
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- 4) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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³ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.