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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
GLOBAL CONFERENCE PARTNERS FROM FREECONFERENCE.COM, INC.
TO IOTUM INC.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 12-329

Comments Due: December 3, 2012
Reply Comments Due: December 10, 2012

On November 5, 2012, Freeconference.com, Inc. and Iotum Inc. (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer control of Global Conference Partners from Freeconference.com, Inc. to Iotum Inc.

Freeconference.com, Inc. is a Delaware holding company that wholly owns Global Conference Partners, a California corporation that provides nationwide teleconferencing services. Freeconference.com, Inc. is owned by American Capital, Ltd. (70 percent) and American Capital Equity I, LLC (30 percent), both U.S. entities. Iotum Inc., a Delaware corporation, also provides nationwide teleconferencing services. The following Canadian entities and Canadian citizens, own at least 10 percent of the equity of Iotum Inc.: Middlebrook Corporation (34.6 percent), 1788363 Ontario Inc. (19.8 percent),² Howard Thaw (12.5 percent), and Alec Saunders (13.8 percent). Applicants state that no other person or entity owns a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect interest in Iotum Inc. and that none of the current owners has interests in any other telecommunications entity.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Iotum Inc. will acquire 100 percent of Global Conference Partners, which will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Iotum Inc. 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.³

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants filed a supplement to their application on November 16, 2012.

² Applicants state that the Chief Executive Officer of Middlebrook Corporation is Randall Howard, a Canadian citizen, and the Chief Executive Officer of 1788363 Corporation is James Estill, also a Canadian citizen.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

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 December 3, 2012**, and reply comments **on or before December 10, 2012**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.

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

- 1) Jodie May, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, jodie.may@fcc.gov;
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- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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⁴ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Jodie May at (202) 418-0913 or Myrva Charles at (202) 418-1506.

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