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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF STANACARD, LLC

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 12-18

Comments Due: February 9, 2012

Reply Comments Due: February 16, 2012

On January 17, 2012, Michael Choupak (Choupak) and Anastasia Koroleva (Koroleva), both U.S. citizens (together, Applicants), filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer control of Stanacard, LLC (Stanacard) from Choupak to Koroleva. Applicants closed this transaction without authority on June 21, 2011.²

Stanacard, a Delaware limited liability company, is a reseller of primarily international prepaid communications services throughout the U.S. and also holds domestic operating authority. Applicants state that, prior to October 23, 2010, Choupak held approximately 88.88 percent of Stanacard and served as Stanacard's Manager, and Eduard Romanov, a U.S. citizen (Romanov), owned approximately 11.11 percent. On October 23, 2010, Choupak assigned half of his ownership to Koroleva, so that each of Choupak and Koroleva held approximately 44.44 percent of the ownership interests of Stanacard. On June 21, 2011, Choupak assigned his remaining 44.44 percent stake to Koroleva, such that, currently, Koroleva holds approximately 88.88 percent of Stanacard, and Romanov continues to own approximately 11.11 percent of Stanacard. Applicants further state that Koroleva replaced Choupak as Manager of the company on this date. Applicants state that neither Koroleva or Romanov own interests in any other

¹ 47 C.F.R § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing an application for a transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Applicants filed a supplement to the application on January 25, 2012. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² Stanacard also filed requests for special temporary authority (STA) with the International and Wireline Competition Bureaus to allow it to continue to provide service to customers while its section 214 applications are pending. On January 26, 2012, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the STA for the domestic authorization for a period of 60 days. A grant of the application will be without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or the Commission's rules.

³ Applicants claim that the ownership transfer was *pro forma* under Commission rules because Choupak maintained *de facto* control as the company's Manager, and the interest assigned was less than a controlling one. 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(d).

domestic telecommunications carrier. They assert that the June 21, 2011 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.⁴

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Stanacard, LLC, WC Docket No. 12-18 (filed Jan. 17, 2012).

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 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 February 9, 2012**, and reply comments **on or before February 16, 2012**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁵ 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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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

⁵ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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