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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF FUSION CONNECT, LLC BY FIRST CHOICE TECHNOLOGY OF LOUISIANA, LLC

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 13-270

Comments Due: December 3, 2013

Reply Comments Due: December 10, 2013

On November 12, 2013, Fusion Connect, LLC (Fusion) and First Choice Technology of Louisiana, LLC (First Choice) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer assets of Fusion to First Choice.

Fusion, a Texas limited liability company, resells domestic long distance service in 48 states and the District Columbia. Applicants state that the following U.S. citizens each hold a 25 percent ownership interest in Fusion: Lovkesh Kalia, Mahesh Kalia, Satish Kumar, and Kyle Hensley. First Choice, a Louisiana limited liability company, resells domestic long distance service in 48 states and the District Columbia. Applicants state that the following U.S. citizens hold a 33.3 percent ownership interest in First Choice: Scott Howsare, Leon Nowalsky, and Ava Rosenberg. Applicants state that none of the First Choice owners have a 10 percent or greater ownership interest in any other telecommunications carrier.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, First Choice will acquire substantially all of the assets of Fusion, and Fusion will no longer provide telecommunications services. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under 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.²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Assets of Fusion Connect, LLC by First Choice Technology of Louisiana, LLC, WC Docket No. 13-270 (filed Nov 12, 2013).

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer 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, 2013**, and reply comments **on or before December 10, 2013**. 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.³

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) Tracey Wilson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, tracey.wilson@fcc.gov;
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- 3) 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.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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