**DA 14-1156**

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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF BENCHMARK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FROM TDMM CABLE FUNDING, LLC**

**TO HUNT TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

**STREAMLINED Pleading Cycle Established**

**WC Docket No. 14-125**

**Comments Due: August 22, 2014**

**Reply Comments Due: August 29, 2014**

On July 30, 2014, Benchmark Communications, LLC (Benchmark), TDMM Cable Funding, LLC (TDMM) and Hunt Telecommunications, LL (Hunt) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission’s rules[[1]](#footnote-1) to transfer control of the equity interests of Benchmark from TDMM to Hunt.

Benchmark, a Louisiana limited liability company, provides local and long distance telecommunications services to multiple dwelling unit (MDU) properties along the Gulf Coast. Benchmark is wholly owned by TDMMM. TDMM, a Florida limited liability company, currently owns and operates, either directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries, cable, high-speed Internet and information systems at three communities in the State of Florida: (i) the Keys Cove community located in the Miami-Dade County; (ii) the Cutler Cay community located in Miami-Dade County; and (iii) the Little Harbor community located in Hillsborough County.

Hunt, a Louisiana limited liability company, provides local, long distance, Hosted PBX, VoIP and data services in the State of Louisiana. The following U.S. Citizens own 10 percent or more of the equity or voting interests in Hunt: Kevin Hunt (24 percent), Jason Hunt (24 percent), Robert Leithman (17.335 percent) and Madeleine G. Leithman (14.701 percent).

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Hunt will wholly own Benchmark as a result of a transaction in which Hunt will acquire 100 percent of the issued and outstanding limited liability company membership interests of Benchmark from TDMM. Thus, Hunt will become the new corporate parent of Benchmark. 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.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Benchmark Communications, LLC from TDMM Cable Funding, LLC to Hunt Telecommunications, LLC, WC Docket No. 14-125 (filed July 30, 2014).

**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 August 22, 2014**, and reply comments **on or before August 29, 2014**. 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.

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. Myrva Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.charles@fcc.gov;
2. Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, dennis.johnson@fcc.gov;
3. Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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 For further information, please contact Myrva Charles at (202) 418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at 202-418-0809.

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)