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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE
ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF
LIGHTEDGE SOLUTIONS, INC. BY ALLIANCE CONNECT, LLC**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 15-235

Comments Due: October 28, 2015
Reply Comments Due: November 4, 2015

LightEdge Solutions, Inc. (LightEdge) and Alliance Connect, LLC (Alliance) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, seeking approval to transfer certain assets of LightEdge to Alliance.¹

LightEdge, an Iowa corporation, currently provides network access services in the following states: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin. Alliance, an Iowa limited liability company, provides landline local exchange carrier (LEC) and interexchange services in Iowa and Nebraska in the service territories of CenturyLink (Qwest), Frontier, and Windstream. Applicants state that Alliance is indirectly held by Iowa Network Services, Inc. (INS), which is owned by many rural Iowa incumbent LECs, none of which hold a ten percent or greater interest in INS.

On September 15, 2015, Applicants entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (Agreement). Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, Alliance will purchase the following from LightEdge: certain customer accounts, certain customer agreements and contracts, certain vendor agreements and contracts, certain equipment, and certain intellectual property. Alliance, however, will not assume any of LightEdge pre-closing liabilities or obligations. 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

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03. 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)(2)(i).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of LightEdge Solutions, Inc., by Alliance Connect, LLC, WC Docket No. 15-235 (filed Sept. 30, 2015).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of assets 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 October 28, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before November 4, 2015**. 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://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

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

- 1) Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.freeman@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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1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's ex parte rules.

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

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