**DA 15-1388**

**December 4, 2015**

**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF EQUIVOICE, INC. FROM MARCUS MCEWEN TO MNJ TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 15-277**

**Comments Due: December 18, 2015**

**Reply Comments Due: December 28, 2015**

Marcus McEwen and MNJ Technology Services LLC (MNJ) (together, Applicants) filed an application, pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.03 of the Commission’s rules, requesting consent to transfer control of Equivoice, Inc. (Equivoice) from Marcus McEwen to MNJ.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Equivoice, an Illinois corporation, provides domestic telecommunications as a competitive local exchange carrier and interexchange carrier in Illinois. Marcus McEwen, a U.S. citizen, currently holds a one hundred percent ownership and voting interest in Equivoice. MNJ, an Illinois limited liability company, does not currently provide domestic or international telecommunications services. MNJ is wholly owned by its parent company, MNJ Technologies Direct, Inc., which, in turn, is wholly owned by Susan Kozak, a U.S. citizen.

Pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement between the Applicants, Mr. McEwen will sell his 100 percent ownership interest in Equivoice to MNJ in exchange for cash. After the proposed transaction, Mr. McEwen will no longer have an ownership or voting interest in Equivoice, but will remain employed by Equivoice for a period of at least three years. Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, all of the shares of Equivoice will be owned by MNJ.

Applicants assert that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest and have no adverse impact on customers. Applicants state that the proposed transaction will not result in a change to the rates, terms or conditions of their services. Moreover, the Applicants assert that this proposed transaction qualifies for presumed streamlined treatment pursuant to section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission’s rules.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Equivoice, Inc.,

WC Docket No. 15-277 (filed Nov 11, 2015).

**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 18, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before December 28, 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:**

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For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 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 the transfer of control of international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is also without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R § 63.03(b)(1)(ii). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)