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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF BLUE CASA TELEPHONE, LLC TO JEFF COMPTON AND HOWARD BRAND

## STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 15-112

Comments Due: May 29, 2015 Reply Comments Due: June 5, 2015

On May 7, 2015, Blue Case Telephone, LLC (BCT), Jeff Compton, and Howard Brand (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), seeking approval for the unauthorized transfer control of BCT to Mr. Compton and Mr. Brand.

BCT, a California limited liability company, provides facilities-based local exchange, exchange access, domestic interexchange telephone services, broadband Internet access, and data networking services to customers in California. BCT was a wholly-owned subsidiary of TCAST Communications, Inc. (TCAST) under the day-to-day management of Jeff Compton and Howard Brand. Without authorization from the Commission, ownership and control of BCT was acquired by Mr. Compton (49 percent) and Mr. Brand (51 percent).<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. The Wireline Competition Bureau granted the Applicants' request for Special Temporary Authority to enable BCT to continue providing service to its customers which was granted by the Commission on May 7, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mr. Compton, President and CEO, does not separately provide telecommunications services or hold authority to do so. Mr. Brand, an investment manager, does not separately provide telecommunications services or hold authority to do so.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Blue Casa Telephone, LLC to Jeff Compton and Howard Brand, WC Docket No. 15-112 (filed May 7, 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 May 29, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before June 5, 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) Margoux Brown, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Margoux.brown@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 Margoux Brown at (202) 418-1584 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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