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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ROMAN LD, INC. FROM SAPINA QUAYUM TO MONOTAZ BEGUM

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 15-188

Comments Due: September 2, 2015 Reply Comments Due: September 9, 2015

Sapina Quayum and Monotaz Begum (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act),¹ seeking approval to transfer control of Roman LD, Inc. (Roman LD) from Sapina Quayum to Monotaz Begum. Applicants transferred control of Roman LD without prior authorization from the Commission in January 2013.

Roman LD, a Texas Corporation, provides resold competitive, non-facilities-based, interexchange telecommunications services in various states, including: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Washington. Applicants state that Monotaz Begum, a U.S. citizen, does not hold any other telecommunications interests.

Pursuant to the terms of a stock purchase agreement, Monotaz Begum acquired all of the stock in Roman LD from Sapina Quayum. As a result, Monotaz Begum wholly owns Roman LD. Applicants state that customers will continue to receive service under the same rates, terms, and conditions. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

² 47 C.F.R. 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

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. On August 13, 2015, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted Applicant's request for Special Temporary Authority for a period of 60 days for authorization to continue to provide service pending approval of the wireline transfer of control application. Letter from Robert Schill, Counsel for Roman LD, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 15-188 (filed Aug. 12, 2015). A grant of the application will be without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or the Commission's rules. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is also without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Roman LD, Inc. from Sapina Quayum to Monotaz Begum, WC Docket No. 15-188 (filed July 24, 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 September 2, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before September 9, 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:

- Margoux Brown, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, <u>margoux.brown@fcc.gov;</u>
- 2) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, <u>dennis.johnson@fcc.gov;</u>
- 3) David Krech, Policy Division, International Bureau, <u>david.krech@fcc.gov</u>;
- 4) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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