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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CALL CATCHERS INC. D/B/A FREEDOMVOICE TO GODADDY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC

## **WC Docket No. 16-171**

On May 19, 2016, Call Catchers Inc. d/b/a FreedomVoice (FreedomVoice) and GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC (GoDaddy Operating) (collectively, 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 FreedomVoice to GoDaddy Operating. <sup>1</sup>

On June 14, 2016, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.<sup>2</sup> On June 27, 2016, the Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense (collectively, the Executive Branch Agencies), filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer action on this proceeding while they completed their review of any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.<sup>3</sup> We deferred action on the Application in response to the Executive Branch Agencies' request.<sup>4</sup> On November 7, 2016, the Executive Branch Agencies notified the Bureau that they withdraw their request to defer action.<sup>5</sup> The Executive Branch Agencies state that, based on the information provided to them by the Applicants and their analysis of potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, they have no objection to the Application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Call Catchers Inc. d/b/a FreedomVoice to GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC, WC Docket No. 16-171 (filed May 19, 2016) (Application). Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Call Catchers Inc. d/b/a FreedomVoice to GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 6837 (WCB 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Letter from Bermal Paz, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-171 (filed June 27, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Notice of Removal of Domestic Section 214 Applications from Streamlined Treatment, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 7366 (WCB 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Letter from Bermel R. Paz, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-171 (filed Nov. 7, 2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

CFR § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the dockets will be closed.

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