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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF  
MOULTRIE MULTICORP, INC. AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES  
TO SHAWNEE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 16-95**

**Comments Due: April 18, 2016**  
**Reply Comments Due: April 25, 2016**

David A. Bowers, Steven G. Bowers and Stuart D. Bowers (collectively, the Bowers family), and Shawnee Communications, Inc. (Shawnee) (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 approval to transfer control of Moultrie MultiCorp, Inc. (MMCI) and its wholly owned subsidiaries Moultrie Independent Telephone Company (MITCO) and Moultrie InfoComm, Inc. (MICI) from the Bowers family to Shawnee.<sup>1</sup>

MITCO, an Illinois corporation, provides local exchange service and exchange access service as an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) in a single rural exchange (the Lovington exchange) in Moultrie County in central Illinois. MICI resells interstate and intrastate long distance toll services in MITCO's local exchange service area. MMCI is a holding company that does not directly provide domestic telecommunications services.<sup>2</sup> One-Eleven Internet Services, Inc., an Illinois corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of MMCI, provides wireless and digital subscriber line (DSL) Internet access services in and around Lovington. Moultrie Telecommunications, Inc., an affiliated Illinois corporation, provides cable television service in the Lovington area.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with wireless services. Applicants filed a supplement to their Application on April 1, 2016. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants state that the following U.S. citizens own at least ten percent of the equity and voting power of Moultrie Multi Corp, Inc. before the proposed transaction are as follows: David A. Bowers (37.36 percent), Steven Bowers (30.72 percent) and Stuart Bowers (30.57 percent) (all brothers). Applicants further state that no other individual or entity directly or indirectly owns an interest of ten percent of the equity and voting power of Moultrie Multi Corp, Inc. prior to the proposed transaction.

<sup>3</sup> MMCI has no ownership interests in any other entity that offers domestic telecommunications services.

Shawnee, an Illinois corporation serving primarily as a holding company, wholly owns Shawnee Telephone Company (STC), an Illinois corporation, which is an incumbent LEC serving nine rural exchanges (Cave-in-Rock, Eddyville, Elizabethtown, Equality, Hicks, Leamington, Renshaw, Rosiclare and Simpson) in Gallatin, Hardin, Pope and Johnson Counties in southeastern Illinois. ShawneeLink Corporation, an Illinois corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Shawnee, resells intrastate and interstate toll services and provides Internet access services to customers located in and around STC's local exchange access areas. ShawneeLEC, also an Illinois corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Shawnee, provides local exchange service and exchange access service as a competitive LEC in four rural exchanges in and around the communities of Eldorado, Golconda, Anna and Vienna in Johnson and Saline Counties in southeastern Illinois. Applicants state that Shawnee holds a 33.54 percent member interest in SI Wireless LLC, an Illinois limited liability company that provides cellular service in Illinois, Kentucky and Illinois.<sup>4</sup>

Applicants state that pursuant to the terms of the proposed stock purchase and sale transaction, the Bowers Family, who presently own 98.65 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of MMCI (a fourth Bowers Family member owns the remaining 1.35 percent of MMCI's stock and is also selling that stock to Shawnee), propose to transfer all of their MMCI stock to Shawnee. Applicants describe that by acquiring 100 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of MMCI, Shawnee will acquire control of MITCO and MICI and their section 214 authorizations. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>5</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of MoultrieCorp, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Shawnee Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 16-95 (filed Mar. 24, 2016).

## **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 April 18, 2016**, and reply comments **on or before April 25, 2016**. 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) Tracey Wilson, Wireline Competition Bureau, [tracey.wilson@fcc.gov](mailto:tracey.wilson@fcc.gov);

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<sup>4</sup> See Application for a complete description of Shawnee and its affiliates.

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

- 2) Dennis Johnson, Wireline Competition Bureau, [dennis.johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:dennis.johnson@fcc.gov);
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, [jim.bird@fcc.gov](mailto:jim.bird@fcc.gov);
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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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