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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF  
GLOBAL CONNECTION INC. OF AMERICA  
TO ODIN MOBILE, LLC**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 17-54**

**Comments Due: March 29, 2017**

**Reply Comments Due: April 5, 2017**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed February 22, 2017 by Global Connection Inc. of America (GCIOA), Global Connection Holdings Corporation (Global Holdings), and Odin Mobile, LLC (Odin Mobile) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, seeking approval of the transfer of control of GCIOA to Odin Mobile.<sup>1</sup>

GCIOA, a Georgia corporation, provides prepaid wireline local exchange and long distance services to residential customers in 26 states.<sup>2</sup> GCIOA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Holdings, a Georgia corporation, which does not itself provide telecommunications services but serves as a holding company for GCIOA.

Odin Mobile, a Maryland limited liability company, provides prepaid wireless telecommunications services on a resale basis.<sup>3</sup> Odin Mobile is 99 percent owned by Mr. Paul Greene, a

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. On March 13, 2017, Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> GCIOA also provides wireless (commercial mobile radio services) to retail customers in 23 states and Puerto Rico. GCIOA states that it is designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to provide Lifeline services to low-income consumers on a wireline basis in 12 states and on a wireless basis in 23 states and Puerto Rico. Applicants attach as Exhibits B and C to their application a full list GCIOA's intrastate wireline and wireless territories.

<sup>3</sup> Applicants state that Odin Mobil provides wireless services on a resale basis in in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma,

U.S. citizen. Applicants state that Mr. Greene is also indirectly a majority owner of Prepaid Wireless Wholesale, LLC (PPWW), a Maryland limited liability company that provides wireless services in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Greene also wholly owns Cintex Wireless, LLC (Cintex), a Maryland limited liability company providing Lifeline and non-Lifeline prepaid wireless services in Arkansas, Maryland, Maine, Rhode Island, and West Virginia, and wholesale wireless telecommunications services.<sup>4</sup>

The proposed transaction is a stock purchase agreement in which Odin Mobile will acquire 75 percent of the stock in GCIOA, which will become a majority owned direct subsidiary of Odin Mobile. Applicants state that ultimate (indirect) control of GCIOA will be transferred to Paul Greene.<sup>5</sup> Applicants state that the proposed transaction will not result in any loss or impairment of service to any customer. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under sections 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>6</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of  
Global Connection Inc. of America to Odin Mobile, LLC,  
WC Docket No. 17-54 (filed Feb. 22, 2017).

### **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 March 29, 2017**, and reply comments **on or before April 5, 2017**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 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 assets 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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Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

<sup>4</sup> Applicants state that Odin Mobile, PPWW, Cintex, and Paul Greene have no other telecommunications interests.

<sup>5</sup> Applicants state that, post-consummation, Global Holdings will retain a minority interest in GCIOA (25 percent). Applicants further state that L6-Global Manager, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, will continue to hold the majority direct interest in Global Holdings, and that Milestone Partners, a U.S.-based private equity entity, will continue to hold ultimate control of Global Holdings. Applicants provide, as Exhibits D-F attached to their application, the pre and post-closing corporate structure of the related companies in this transaction.

<sup>6</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

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