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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE  
ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF TELECOM NORTH AMERICA INC.  
BY G3 TELECOM USA, INC.**

**WC Docket No. 16-1**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants the application filed by Telecom North America Inc. (Telna) and G3 Telecom USA Inc. (G3) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, seeking approval to transfer certain customer assets of Telna to G3.<sup>1</sup> Telna provides resold interexchange services throughout the United States.<sup>2</sup> G3 offers resold interstate telecommunications services throughout the United States and resold intrastate telecommunications services in multiple states.<sup>3</sup> G3 is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Telehop Communications Inc., which is a publicly-held Canadian corporation.<sup>4</sup>

On January 8, 2016, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.<sup>5</sup> On January 21, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (collectively, the Agencies), filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer action on this proceeding while the Agencies completed their review of any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.<sup>6</sup> We deferred action in response to the Agencies' request.<sup>7</sup> On March 28, 2017, the Agencies notified the Bureau that they

<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. *Joint Application of Telecom North America Inc. and G3 Telecom USA Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, to Complete an Assignment of Assets of Authorized Domestic and International Section 214 Carriers*, WC Docket No. 16-1 (filed Jan. 4, 2016) (Application). Applicants also filed applications 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>2</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Assets of Telecom North America Inc. by G3 Telecom USA Inc.*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 80 (WCB 2016).

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Bermel R. Paz, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-1 (filed Jan. 21, 2016).

<sup>7</sup> *Notice of Removal of Domestic Section 214 Application from Streamlined Treatment*, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 377 (WCB 2016).

withdraw their request to defer action.<sup>8</sup> They 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.<sup>9</sup>

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Upon consummation of the transaction, the resulting entity will have a market share in the U.S. interstate interexchange market of less than 10 percent, and will provide competitive telephone exchange services or exchange access services exclusively in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the transaction. In addition, no party to the transaction is dominant with respect to any domestic service.<sup>10</sup> Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 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.

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<sup>8</sup> Letter from Bermel R. Paz, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-1 (filed Mar. 28, 2017).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>10</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).