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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE  
TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF SHIDLER TELEPHONE COMPANY TO  
THE KANOKLA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 17-86**

**Comments Due: April 21, 2017**  
**Reply Comments Due: April 28, 2017**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on the application filed by John M. White and Lisa White Patton (Transferors) and The KanOkla Telephone Association (KanOkla), 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 Shidler Telephone Company (Shidler) from Transferors to KanOkla.<sup>1</sup>

Shidler is an Oklahoma corporation that provides incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) service (approximately 561 access lines) in and around the communities of Foraker, Grainola, Shidler, Webb City, and Wynona in the counties of Osage and Kay in rural north central Oklahoma. The following U.S. citizens own at least 10 percent of the equity of Shidler: John M. White (50 percent) and Lisa White Patton (50 percent).

KanOkla is a Kansas corporation that provides incumbent LEC service in seven exchanges in rural northern Oklahoma and 10 exchanges in south central Kansas (approximately 856 access lines in Oklahoma and approximately 1,592 access lines in Kansas). Applicants state that KanOkla is a member owned cooperative and that no individual member will own 10 percent or more of the equity and voting power of KanOkla both before and after the proposed transaction. They further state that KanOkla has a 24.05 percent limited partnership interest in Cellular Network Partnership that provides wireless services in Oklahoma and Kansas and a 3.54 percent interest in Kansas Fiber Network that provides wholesale services to rural telephone companies in Kansas. Applicants state that Shidler and KanOkla do not have overlapping or adjacent service territories.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Transferors would transfer all of their stock to KanOkla. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. Applicants filed a supplement to their application on April 4, 2017.

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>2</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Shidler Telephone Company to The KanOkla Telephone Association, WC Docket No. 17-86 (filed Mar. 30, 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 April 21, 2017**, and reply comments **on or before April 28, 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 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, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [tracey.wilson@fcc.gov](mailto:tracey.wilson@fcc.gov);
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<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

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For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 or Jodie May at (202) 418-0913.

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