



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF MARGARETVILLE TELEPHONE CO., INC.**

### **STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 17-98**

**Comments Due: May 4, 2017**

**Reply Comments Due: May 11, 2017**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Margaretville Telephone Co., Inc. (Margaretville), Catskills Communications, Inc. d/b/a MTC Long Distance (MTC-LD), Heart of the Catskills Communications, Inc. d/b/a MTC Cable (MTC-C), and the Margaretville Telephone Co., Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (Plan) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval for the transfer of control of Margaretville, MTC-LD, and MTC-C to the Plan.<sup>1</sup>

Margaretville, a New York corporation, is an incumbent local exchange carrier serving approximately 2,425 access lines in rural Delaware and Ulster Counties, New York. Margaretville wholly owns both MTC-LD and MTC-C. MTC-LD, a New York corporation, provides competitive telecommunications services primarily adjacent to the telephone service area of Margaretville to approximately 2200 subscribers. MTC-LD also provides interexchange service to approximately 1,540 customers within and around the Margaretville service territory. MTC-C provides competitive voice, cable, and other services to approximately 3,476 customers in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie and Ulster Counties, New York. Applicants state that, post-consummation, the following will hold a 10 percent or greater interest in Margaretville: Plan (New York entity, 63.54 percent); Larry S. Roadman (U.S. citizen, 18.27 percent); Karen D. Harris (U.S. citizen, 9.88 percent), and Dawn B. Roadman Irrevocable Trust (New York entity, 8.31 percent).

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, the Plan, which currently holds a 30 percent interest in Margaretville, will increase its holdings to a controlling interest in Margaretville, including its wholly owned subsidiaries MTC-LD and MTC-C, by purchasing shares from existing shareholders.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. Applicants state that they are also filing 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.

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>2</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Margaretville Telephone Co., Inc., WC Docket No. 17-98 (filed Apr. 13, 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 May 4, 2017**, and reply comments **on or before May 11, 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 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) Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [myrva.freeman@fcc.gov](mailto:myrva.freeman@fcc.gov);
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [gregory.kwan@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.kwan@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 Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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