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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TRANSBEAM, INC. TO GTT AMERICAS, LLC

### STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 17-212

**Comments Due: September 13, 2017**

**Reply Comments Due: September 20, 2017**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Transbeam, Inc. (Transbeam) and GTT Americas, LLC (GTTA) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval to transfer control of Transbeam to GTTA.<sup>1</sup>

Transbeam, a Delaware corporation, provides or is authorized to provide competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) and interexchange services to business customers in multiple states. GTTA, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to provide competitive LEC and interexchange services in California and New York. GTTA also provides interstate communications services to customers throughout the United States.<sup>2</sup> GTTA is an operating subsidiary of GTT Communications, Inc (GTT Parent), a Delaware corporation and publicly traded company. GTT Parent, through its operating subsidiaries, is a global provider of competitive telecommunications services and other services in the United States. The following Delaware corporation and U.S. citizen hold a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect interest in GTT Parent: Universal Telecommunications, Inc. (UTI) (16.60 percent directly in

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants also filed an application 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. On August 30, 2017, Applicants filed two supplements to their domestic Section 214 application.

<sup>2</sup> Hibernia Atlantic U.S. LLC, a Washington limited liability company and GTTA's affiliate, provides interstate telecommunications services to customers in multiple states. Applicants state that GTTA is also in the process of acquiring GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity (Global Capacity), an Arizona limited liability company that provides competitive LEC services in the District of Columbia and every state except Alaska. See *Notice of Domestic Section 214 Authorizations Granted*, Public Notice, DA 17-766, WC Docket Nos. 17-176 and 17-177 (WCB Aug. 14, 2017).

GTT Parent) and H. Brian Thompson (approximately 16.60 percent indirectly in GTT Parent, as the majority shareholder of UTI).<sup>3</sup>

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, GTT TBI Merger Sub, Inc., a direct wholly owned subsidiary of GTTA created for the purposes of this transaction, will merge with and into Transbeam, with Transbeam surviving the merger. Transbeam will therefore become a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of GTTA and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of GTT Parent. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under Section 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>4</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Transbeam, Inc. to GTT Americas, LLC, WC Docket No. 17-212 (filed Aug. 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 September 13, 2017**, and reply comments **on or before September 20, 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);
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [gregory.kwan@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.kwan@fcc.gov);
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<sup>3</sup> Applicants state that neither GTT Parent, UTI, nor H. Brian Thompson hold a 10 percent or greater interest in any domestic telecommunications carrier other than GTTA, Hibernia Atlantic U.S. LLC, or Global Capacity.

<sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

5) 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 Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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