**DA 19-608**

**June 28, 2019**

**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ACCIPITER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ZONA COMMUNICATIONS**

**FROM PINPOINT HOLDINGS, INC. TO WYYERD GROUP LLC**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

 **WC Docket No. 19-178**

**Comments Due: July 12, 2019**

**Reply Comments Due: July 19, 2019**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Pinpoint Holdings, Inc. (Pinpoint Holdings) and Wyyerd Group LLC (Wyyerd) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission’s rules, requesting consent to transfer control of Accipiter Communications, Inc. d/b/a Zona Communications (Zona) from Pinpoint Holdings to Wyyerd.[[1]](#footnote-3)

Zona, a Nevada corporation, provides services as an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area, as well as other services north of Phoenix. Zona is wholly owned by Pinpoint Holdings, a privately-held, U.S. corporation. Over 70 percent of Zona’s stock is owned by four individuals (Zona Owners), all of whom are U.S. citizens.[[2]](#footnote-4)

Wyyerd, a Delaware limited liability company, is a holding company that does not itself provide telecommunications services. Its subsidiary, Wyyerd Connect, provides Internet access services and is authorized to provide competitive LEC services in Georgia. Wyyerd currently owns fiber facilities and serves customers in Atlanta and has limited facilities in Indiana and Texas. Post-consummation, the following entities and individuals will hold a ten percent or greater interest in Wyyerd: Wyyerd Select Investors, LLC (19.20 percent interest), a Delaware corporation ultimately owned by the Zona Owners and other individuals with smaller interests; and ESU Zona, LLC (58.27 percent interest), a Delaware corporation that is wholly owned by John Scarano, a U.S. Citizen.

Pursuant to the terms of the stock purchase agreement, Wyyerd will acquire control of Zona through a series of concurrent transactions. The Applicants state, upon completion of the proposed transaction, Zona will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Wyyerd. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(ii) of the Commission’s rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.[[3]](#footnote-5)

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of

Accipiter Communication, Inc. d/b/a Zona Communications to Wyyerd Group LLC,

WC Docket No. 19-178 (filed June 21, 2019).

**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 July 12, 2019**, and reply comments **on or before July 19, 2019**. 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:**

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For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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1. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international and wireless services. Any action on the domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. The Zona Owners are William E. Shoemaker (13.21%); J. Richard Shoemaker (25.88%); Eric B. Eisenhart

(21.23%); and G. Franklin Shoemaker (12.69%). No other individual or entity owns a 10% or greater interest in Wyyerd. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(ii). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)