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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
CERTAIN ASSETS OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF
NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, LLC
BY TERABYTE HOLDINGS, L.L.C.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 19-213

Comments Due: August 13, 2019
Reply Comments Due: August 20, 2019

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC (CCNE) and Terabyte Holdings, L.L.C. (Terabyte) (together, 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 certain telecommunications assets of CCNE's operator service/directory assistance (OS/DA) business to Terabyte.¹

CCNE, a Delaware limited liability company, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Consolidated Holdings), a publicly-traded Delaware corporation. Consolidated Holdings, together with its affiliated companies formerly operating as "Fairpoint," provides incumbent and competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) and other services in multiple states. Applicants state that the following U.S.-based entities hold a 10% or greater interest in Consolidated Holdings: BlackRock, Inc. (15.4%) and The Vanguard Group, Inc. (10.62%). Terabyte, a Missouri limited liability company doing business as Consolidated Call Center Services, provides OS/DA services in the U.S. and is wholly owned by Gregory J. Hagerman, a U.S. citizen.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Terabyte would acquire certain assets of CCNE's OS/DA business currently operated from a call center and its related facilities in Portland, Maine. The OS/DA assets that the subject of the proposed transaction serve customers in Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire where the subsidiaries of Consolidated Holdings provide incumbent

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants filed a clarification and supplement to their domestic section 214 application on July 23, 2019.

LEC service. Applicants assert 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 would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC by Terabyte Holdings, L.L.C., WC Docket No. 19-213 (filed July 18, 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 August 13, 2019**, and reply comments **on or before August 20, 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:

- 1) Tracey Wilson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, tracey.wilson@fcc.gov;
- 2) Jodie May, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, jodie.may@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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² 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(ii).

proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 CFR § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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

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