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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF MERIPLEX TELECOM, LLC TO CLAIRVEST GROUP INC.

WC Docket No. 18-333

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants an application requesting consent to transfer control of Meriplex Telecom, LLC (Meriplex Telecom), a wholly owned subsidiary of Henley Investments, Ltd. (Henley), to Clairvest Group Inc. (Clairvest).¹

On November 20, 2018, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.² On November 30, 2018, the U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Department of Defense (collectively, the Executive Branch Agencies), filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer action on this proceeding while they completed their review of any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.³ We deferred action in response to this request.⁴ On July 29, 2019, the Executive Branch Agencies notified the Bureau that they withdraw their request to defer action.⁵ They state that, based on the information provided to them by the applicants and their analysis of potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, they have no objection to the Application.⁶

No party filed comments in opposition to a grant of the Application, and the Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that granting the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁷ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. Application of Meriplex Telecom, LLC, Henley Investments, Ltd., and Clairvest Group Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Meriplex Telecom LLC to Clairvest Group Inc., WC Docket No. 18-333 (filed Nov. 5, 2018) (Application).

² *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Meriplex Telecom, LLC to Clairvest Group Inc.*, WC Docket No. 18-333, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 11260 (WCB 2018).

³ Letter from Alice Suh Jou, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 18-333 (filed Nov. 30, 2018).

⁴ *Notice of Removal of Domestic Section 214 Application from Streamlined Treatment*, WC Docket No. 18-333, 33 FCC Rcd 11774 (WCB 2018).

⁵ Letter from Alice Suh Jou, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 18-333 (filed July 29, 2019).

⁶ *Id.* at 1.

⁷ 47 CFR § 63.03(b).

review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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