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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A TRU-VISTA COMMUNICATIONS TO YORK TELECOMS HOLDINGS US L.P.

WC Docket No. 19-139

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants an application requesting consent to transfer control of the Chester Telephone Company d/b/a Tru-Vista Communications and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Lockhart Telephone Company, Ridgeway Telephone Company, Fairfield Communications, Inc., Camden Corporate Investments, LLC, TruVista Communications of Georgia, LLC, Chester Long Distance Services, Inc., and Chester Communications, LLC, to York Telecoms Holdings US L.P.¹

On May 29, 2019, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.² On June 7, 2019, 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. On September 4, 2019, the Executive Branch Agencies notified the Bureau that they withdraw their request to defer action.⁴ 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.⁵

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.⁶ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grant is effective

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. Application of the Chester Telephone Company d/b/a Tru-Vista Communications and York Telecoms Holdings US L.P. for Consent to Transfer Control of Tru-Vista and its subsidiaries to York Telecoms Holdings US L.P., WC Docket No. 19-139 (filed May 10, 2019) (Application).

² Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of the Chester Telephone Company d/b/a Tru-Vista Communications to York Telecoms Holdings US L.P., WC Docket No. 19-139, Public Notice, DA 19-487 (WCB 2019).

³ Letter from Alice Suh Jou, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 19-139 (filed June 7, 2019).

⁴ Letter from Alice Suh Jou, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 19-139 (filed Sept. 4, 2019).

⁵ Id. at 1.

6 47 CFR § 63.03(b).

upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for 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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