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## **DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF VANTAGE TELECOM LLC TO PINNACLE TELECOM LLC**

### **WC Docket No. 19-387**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants the application<sup>1</sup> filed by James Larry Bone, K. Wayne King, Ross Morreale, the Bill and Debra Stuckey Family, the Conley Bone Family, and other members of Vantage Telecom LLC (Vantage), as well as Pinnacle Telecom LLC (Pinnacle), (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> requesting consent for the unauthorized transfer of control that occurred on July 1, 2016 when Applicants transferred Vantage to Pinnacle without prior Commission approval.<sup>3</sup>

Vantage, an Arkansas limited liability company, provides competitive local exchange carrier services to approximately 1,200 access lines in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma, and also provides wholesale and other telecommunications services to retail service providers in south central Missouri. Pursuant to the terms of the consummated transaction, Pinnacle received a 51% membership interest in Vantage in exchange for certain fiber optic facilities and other assets.<sup>4</sup>

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the transaction will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and, therefore, grants the Application.<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to section 1.103 of

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<sup>1</sup> Domestic Section 214 Application of James Larry Bone et al. and Pinnacle Telecom LLC for the Transfer of Control of Vantage Telecom LLC, WC Docket No. 19-387 (filed Dec. 20, 2019) (Application); *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Vantage Telecom LLC to Pinnacle Telecom LLC*, WC Docket No. 19-387, Public Notice, DA 20-33 (WCB 2020). The Bureau received no comments in opposition to a grant of the Application.

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04.

<sup>3</sup> The Bureau granted the Applicants' requests for special temporary authority for 60 days to authorize Vantage to continue providing service pending approval of the Application. See Letter from Gerald J. Duffy, Counsel to Applicants, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Dec. 20, 2019) (grant stamped on Jan. 9, 2020) (on file in WC Docket No. 19-387). A grant of the Application is without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Act or the Commission's rules.

<sup>4</sup> Application at 2 and 7.

<sup>5</sup> *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, CC Docket No. 01- (continued...)

the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration or application for review, or for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the release date of this notice.<sup>6</sup>

For further information, please contact Gregory Kwan, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, (202) 418-1191.

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150, Report and Order, 17 FCC Red 5517, 5533, para. 30 (2002).

<sup>6</sup> 47 CFR § 1.4 (Computation of time).