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APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF OF RACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO HOMETOWN PURCHASER, LLC

WC Docket No. 20-360

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants an application filed by Race Holdings, Inc. (Race Holdings) and Hometown Purchaser, LLC (Hometown) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting consent to transfer control of Race Telecommunications, Inc. (Race Telecom) to Hometown.¹

On November 17, 2020, the Bureau released a public notice seeking comment on the Application.² 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.³ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grant is

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Application of Race Holdings, Inc. and Hometown Purchaser, LLC for Consent to Transfer Indirect Control of Race Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as Amended, WC Docket No. 20-360 (filed Nov. 2, 2020) (Application). Race Holdings, through its direct wholly owned subsidiary, Race Telecom, and its affiliates, provides competitive fiber-based telecommunications services and video services in California. Hometown is affiliated with carriers currently providing incumbent and competitive telecommunications services in multiple states and with the transferee in two pending domestic section 214 applications. *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Otelco, Inc. and its Subsidiaries to Future Fiber FinCo, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 20-275, Public Notice (WCB 2020); *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Ontario Telephone Company, Inc., Trumansburg Telephone Company, Inc., and Finger Lakes Communications Group Inc. to Future Fiber Parent, L.P.*, WC Docket No. 20-355, Public Notice (WCB 2020). Hometown is also affiliated with the transferor in a pending section 214 application. *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Clarity Telecom, LLC to GI DI Rushmore Topco LLC*, WC Docket No. 20-371, Public Notice (WCB 2020). Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Race Telecommunications, Inc. to Hometown Purchaser, LLC*, WC Docket No. 20-360, Public Notice, DA 20-1363 (WCB 2020).

³ See, e.g., *Applications of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc. for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 32 FCC Rcd 9581, 9594, 9605, paras. 26 and 52 (2017) (finding no harm to competition outside of CenturyLink's incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) territory, where applicants operate as competitive LECs, and further finding that the transaction "will expand the on-net reach of the newly combined firm resulting in a more effective and stronger competitor against larger cable and incumbent LEC competitors, among others, particularly outside of Century Link's incumbent LEC region, where it, like Level 3, operates as a competitive LEC.").

effective 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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