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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
CERTAIN ASSETS OF IBASIS, INC. BY MIRON ENTERPRISES, LLC**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 19-382

Comments Due: January 29, 2020
Reply Comments Due: February 5, 2020

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by iBasis, Inc. (iBasis) and Miron Enterprises, LLC (Miron) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval for the acquisition of certain assets of iBasis by Miron.¹

iBasis, a Delaware corporation, provides interstate prepaid calling and competitive wholesale telecommunications services throughout the United States, and, through its "Pingo" products, provides an electronic prepaid calling card service that customers can use for domestic interstate and international calls.

Miron, a Georgia limited liability company, provides interstate prepaid calling and other services throughout the United States under the "KeepCalling" brand. Miron is majority owned (92.5%) by Mr. Florin Miron, a Romanian National citizen. Applicants state that Miron does not hold an interest above 10% in any other provider of domestic telecommunications services.²

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Miron will acquire ownership and control of Pingo and its products, as well as related intellectual property, operational contracts, and its customer base. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to streamlined treatment

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. On January 8, 2020, Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² Applicants state that Mr. Miron also holds an indirect 92.5% interest in Tello, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company, which provides prepaid wireless telecommunications services in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

under the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We accept the application for filing under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules.³

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of iBasis, Inc. by Miron Enterprises, LLC, WC Docket No. 19-382 (filed Dec. 11, 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 January 29, 2020**, and reply comments **on or before February 5, 2020**. 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) Myrva Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.charles@fcc.gov;
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- 5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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³ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

ex parte presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the 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.

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