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NOTICE OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 21-378

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants the application¹ listed in this Public Notice pursuant to the Commission's streamlined procedures for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications, 47 CFR § 63.03. The Bureau determined that a grant of this application serves the public interest.² 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 Public Notice.³ Should no petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and its docket will be closed.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of
Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company to Hilliary Acquisition Oklahoma, LLC,
WC Docket No. 21-378, Public Notice, DA 21-1274 (WCB 2021).⁴

¹ Application of Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company and Hilliary Acquisition Oklahoma, LLC for the Transfer of Control of Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company, WC Docket No. 21-378 (filed Sept. 28, 2021) (Application).

² *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5529, para. 22 (2002).

³ *Id.*; see 47 CFR § 1.4 (Computation of time).

⁴ Following consummation of the proposed transaction, Hilliary Acquisition Oklahoma, LLC (Hilliary) will be affiliated with companies that receive universal service support under the different mechanisms of fixed model-based support and cost-based support, including Southwest Oklahoma Telephone Company (SWOT), which receives fixed model-based support. Application at 7-9; see *Domestic Section 214 Application Granted for the Transfer of Control of Prairieburg Telephone Company, Incorporated*, WC Docket No. 21-30, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 5672, 5673-74 and n.7 (WCB 2021) (citing *Joint Application of W. Mansfield Jennings Limited Partnership and Hargray Communications Group, Inc. for Consent to the Transfer of Control of ComSouth Corporation Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934*, WC Docket 18-52, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 4780, 4784, para. 19 (2018) (*Hargray/ComSouth Order*) and granting the transfer of a cost-based, average schedule support company to Hilliary Acquisition Iowa, LLC, subject to the condition in the *Hargray/ComSouth Order*, and citing previous acquisitions by Hilliary also subject to the condition). To mitigate the potential for cost shifting, we grant the Application subject to the continued application of the *Hargray/ComSouth* condition capping the combined operating expenses of the post-consummation company's rate of return affiliates. See *Domestic Section 214 Application Granted for the Transfer of Control of Hargray Acquisition Holdings, LLC and its Subsidiaries to Cable One, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 21-69, Public Notice, DA 21-502, at 3-4 (WCB 2021) (granting the application subject to the

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continued application of the *Hargray/ComSouth* condition to the applicants). We direct the applicants to submit, in the domestic section 214 docket, WC Docket No. 21-378, a notice that the proposed transaction has closed with the consummation date, and also provide a courtesy copy of the notice to hcinfo@usac.org.