

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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# **International Authorizations Granted**

# Section 214 Applications (47 CFR §§ 63.18, 63.24); Section 310(b) Petitions (47 CFR § 1.5000)

The following applications have been granted pursuant to the Commission's processing procedures set forth in sections 63.12, 63.20 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 63.12, 63.20, other provisions of the Commission's rules, or procedures set forth in an earlier public notice listing the applications as accepted for filing.

Unless otherwise noted, these grants authorize the applicants: (1) to become a facilities-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.22; and/or (2) to become a resale-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.23; (3) to assign or transfer control of international section 214 authority in accordance with 47 CFR § 63.24; or (4) to exceed the foreign ownership benchmarks applicable to common carrier radio licensees under 47 U.S.C. § 310(b); see Subpart T of Part 1 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.5000-5004.

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SERVES AS EACH NEWLY AUTHORIZED CARRIER'S SECTION 214 CERTIFICATE. It contains general and specific conditions, which are set forth below. Newly authorized carriers should carefully review the terms and conditions of their authorizations. Failure to comply with general or specific conditions of an authorization, or with other relevant Commission rules and policies, could result in fines and forfeitures.

Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, in regard to the grant of any of these applications may be filed within thirty days of this public notice (see 47 CFR § 1.4(b)(2)).

ITC-ASG-20211112-00163 E

GTT Americas, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession

Assignment Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 11/23/2021

Current Licensee: GTT Americas LLC FROM: GTT Americas LLC

TO: GTT Americas, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession

A notification was filed November 12, 2021, of the pro forma assignment of international section 214 authorization ITC-214-20020619-00332 from GTT Americas LLC to GTT Americas, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession, effective October 31, 2021. GTT Americas LLC is an wholly owned subsidiary of GTT Communications, Inc. On October 31, 2021, GTT Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including GTT Americas LLC, filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. In re GTT Communications, Inc., et al., Case No. 21-11880 (MEW). Consequently, GTT Communications, Inc. and GTT Americas, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession and GTT Americas, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession. All of the GTT entities are organized in Delaware.

ITC-ASG-20211112-00164 E Assignment Grant of Authority GC Pivotal, LLC, debtor-in-possession

Date of Action: 11/23/2021

 Current Licensee:
 GC Pivotal LLC

 FROM:
 GC Pivotal LLC

TO: GC Pivotal, LLC, debtor-in-possession

A notification was filed November 12, 2021, of the pro forma assignment of international section 214 authorizations ITC-214-20061101-00500 and ITC-214-20110201-00049 from GC Pivotal, LLC to GC Pivotal, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession, effective October 31, 2021. GC Pivotal, LLC is an wholly owned subsidiary of GTT Communications, Inc. On October 31, 2021, GTT Communications, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including GC Pivotal, LLC, filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of tile 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. In re GTT Communications, Inc., et al., Case No. 21-11880 (MEW). Consequently, GTT Communications, Inc., and GC Pivotal, LLC are now in debtor-in-possession status - GTT Communications, Inc., Debtor-in-Possession and GC Pivotal, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession. All of the GTT entities are organized in Delaware.

ITC-T/C-20211025-00153 E

Union Information Systems, LLC

Transfer of Control Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 11/19/2021

Current Licensee: Union Information Systems, LLC

FROM: Union Telephone Company

TO: Amherst Telephone Company

An application was filed for consent to transfer control of Union Information Systems, LLC (UIS), a Wisconsin limited liability company that holds international section 214 authorization ITC-214-20041222-00495, from Union Telephone Company (Union) to Amherst Telephone Company (Amherst). UIS is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Union, a Wisconsin corporation. Amherst proposes to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Union from its current shareholders. As a result Union and UIS will become direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Amherst respectively.

Amherst, a Wisconsin corporation, has two 10% or greater shareholders: Carl F. Bohman (18.1% equity and voting) and Rita L. Danielson (13.0% equity and voting), both U.S. citizens. According the Applicants, none of the other 21 stockholders of Amherst directly or indirectly holds a 10% or greater equity or voting interest in Amherst.

This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

ITC-T/C-20211029-00154 Transfer of Control Grant of Authority IPC Systems, Inc.

Current Licensee: IPC Systems, Inc. FROM: Centerbridge Capital Partners II, L.P. TO: CCP II Fince LLC

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A notification was filed on October 29, 2021, of the pro forma transfer of control of IPC Systems, Inc. (IPC Systems), a Delaware corporation that holds international section 214 authorization ITC-214-20010817-00425, from Centerbridge Capital Partners II, L.P. (CCP II LP) to CCP II Finco, LLC (CCP II Finco), effective October 1, 2021. IPC Systems is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of IPC Corp., a Delaware corporation. Prior to the transaction, IPC Corp. was controlled by CCP II, which held approximately 79.54% of the IPC Corp.'s outstanding voting shares. Other funds that are part of the Centerbridge family of funds, including CCP II Finco, also directly held ownership interests in IPC Corp.: CCP II Finco (4.32%) and Centerbridge Capital Partners SBS II, L.P. (2.13%).

This pro forma transfer is the first step of a two-step agreement among IPC Corp., CCP II Finco, and Hummingbird Circle, LLC (Hummingbird Circle) designed to restructure IPC Corp.'s debt. In the first step, IPC Corp.'s first lien debt was refinanced, the second lien debt held by CCP II Finco and Hummingbird Circle was converted into membership units of a newly formed entity, IPC Parent Holdings, LLC (IPC Parent), and the existing equity interests in IPC Corp. were eliminated. As a result IPC Corp. and IPC Systems are now both indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of IPC Parent. In addition, approximately \$125 million of new capital was injected into the IPC Parent by CCP II Finco and Hummingbird Circle. In exchange for the conversion of second lien debt and the contribution of new capital, CCP II Finco received approximately 53% of the membership units of IPC Parent and Hummingbird Circle received 47% of the membership units of IPC Parent and a new convertible note (Note). According to the Applicants, because CCP II Finco (and its members) and CCP II are part of the same fund family, neither the limited partners indirectly holding most of the equity held by CCP II Finco nu ultimate control of IPC Corp and IPC Systems, changed as a result of this restructuring. Thus, step one of the restructuring is a pro forma transfer. In the second step, Hummingbird Circle will convert the Note into equity, which will result in Hummingbird Circle holding a 60% equity and voting interests in IPC and CCP II Finco holding the remaining 40% equity and voting interests in IPC LLC. See ITC-T/C-20211105-00179.

Hummingbird Circle, a Delaware limited liability company, is controlled by certain funds and accounts managed by Strategic Value Partners, LLC (SVP). The following entities hold a 10% or greater indirect interest in IPC Corp. and ITC Systems through Hummingbird Circle: Strategic Value Dislocation Master Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands entity (14.7% equity and voting); (2) Strategic Value Special Situations Master Fund IV, L.P., a Cayman Islands entity (47% equity and voting); (3) Strategic Value Special Situations Master Fund IV, (13% equity and voting); (4) Strategic Value Special Situations Offshore Fund IV, L.P., a Cayman Islands entity (33% equity and voting); (5) Strategic Value Special Situations Feeder Fund IV, L.P., a Cayman Islands entity (43% equity and voting); (6) SVP Special Situations GP IV LLC, a Cayman Islands entity (47% voting); (7) SVP Special Situations Employee Feeder IV, LLC, a Delaware entity (47% equity and voting); (8) Millbrook Holdings VI LLC, a Delaware entity (47% equity and voting); (9) Buffham Holdings LLC, a Delaware entity (11% equity and voting); and, (10) Victor Khosla, a U.S. citizen (47% equity and voting).

The following entities hold a 10% or greater indirect interest in IPC Corp. and ITC Systems through CCP II Finco: (1) CCP II Debt Acquisition, L.P., a Delaware entity (53% equity and voting); (2) CCP II Feeder (Cayman Islands), L.P., a Delaware entity (13.89% equity and voting); (3) CCP GP IPC, L.P., a Delaware entity (53% equity and voting); (4) CCP GP, LLC, a Delaware entity (53% equity and voting); and (5) Jeffrey Aronson, a U.S. citizen (53% equity and voting). Applicants state that no other individual or entity holds a 10% or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in IPC Corp. or IPC Systems.

ITC-T/C-20211029-00155 E

Transfer of Control Grant of Authority Sunset Fiber, LLC

Date of Action: 11/22/2021

Current Licensee: Sunset Fiber, LLC

FROM: Point Broadband Acquisition, LLC

TO: Point Broadband Acquisition, LLC

A notification was filed on October 29, 2021, of the pro forma transfer of control of Sunset Fiber, LLC (Sunset Fiber), a Delaware limited liability company that holds international section 214 authorizations ITC-214-20020404-00165 and ITC-214-20051026-00434, effective October 1, 2021. Sunset Fiber is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Point Broadband Acquisition, LLC (Point Broadband), which is ultimately controlled by GTCR Investment XIII LLC (Investment XIII). In a corporate restructuring, the intermediate structure through which Investment XIII controls Point Holdings was changed. Under the new structure, Point Broadband is directly controlled by GTCR Broadband Aggregator LLC (Point Aggregator). Point Aggregator is owned by GTCR Fund XIII/B LP (Fund XIII/B) and GTCR Point Broadband Splitter L.P. (GTCR Splitter). The limited partner of GTCR Splitter is GTCR Point Broadband Blocker Corp. (GTCR Blocker). The general partner of Fund XIII/B and GTCR Splitter is GTCR Partners XIII/A&C LP (Partners XIII/A&C). The general partner of Partners XIII/A and Partners XIII/A&C is Investment XIII. Point Broadband and all of the GCTR entities are Delaware entities.

ITC-T/C-20211117-00171 Transfer of Control Grant of Authority

Arena One, LLC

Date of Action: 11/22/2021

**Current Licensee:** Arena One, LLC FROM: BCM One Group Holdings, Inc.

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TO: BCM One Group Holdings, Inc.

A notification was filed on November 17, 2021, of the pro forma transfer of control of Arena One, LLC (Arena One), a Delaware limited liability company that holds international section 214 authorization ITC-214-20130909-00245, effective November 16, 2021. Prior to the transaction Arena One was a wholly owned direct subsidiary of SIPTRUNK Inc. which is turn was a direct wholly owned subsidiary of BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. (BCM Holdings). In a corporate reorganization, SIP.US LLC, another direct wholly owned subsidiary of BCM Holdings, was inserted between BCM Holdings and SIPTRUNK in the ownership chain and SIPTRUNK was converted to a limited liability company. Arena One is now directly wholly owned by SIPTRUNK, LLC and remains an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BCM Holdings. SIPTRUNK and SIP.US LLC are New York limited liability companies and BCM Holdings is a Delaware corporation.

ITC-T/C-20211117-00175 E

PayG, LLC dba Skyswitch

Transfer of Control Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 11/22/2021

**Current Licensee:** PayG, LLC dba Skyswitch

FROM: BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. TO:

A notification was filed on November 17, 2021, of the pro forma transfer of control of PayG, LLC d/b/a Skywitch (PayG), a Delaware limited liability company that holds international section 214 authorization ITC-214-20171116-00208, effective November 16, 2021. Prior to the transaction PayG was a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Business Communications Management, Inc. (BCM Inc.) which is turn was a wholly owned direct subsidiary of BCM One Group Holdings, Inc. (BCM Holdings). In a corporate reorganization, 100% of the membership interests of PayG were transferred from BCM Inc. to SIP.US LLC, another wholly owned direct subsidiary of BCM Holdings. PayG is now directly wholly owned by SIP.US LLC, a New York limited liability company, and remains an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BCM Holdings, a Delaware corporation.

#### **INFORMATIVE**

ITC-214-19940324-00122

TDS METROCOM, LLC

By letter dated November 22, 2021, Applicant notified the Commission that TDS Metrocom, LLC will be discontinuing the provision of voice and data services in the Ann Arbor, Michigan area on or March 23, 2022. Affected exchanges include: Detroit Zone 5, Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Southfield, Wayne, and Ypsilanti market areas.

#### ITC-214-19980210-00094

TDS METROCOM, INC.

By letter dated November 22, 2021, Applicant notified the Commission that TDS Metrocom, LLC will be discontinuing the provision of voice and data services in the Ann Arbor, Michigan area on or March 23, 2022. Affected exchanges include: Detroit Zone 5, Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Southfield, Wayne, and Ypsilanti market areas.

#### ITC-214-20000203-00052

LKN Communications, Inc

By letter filed November 10, 2021, Applicant notified the Commission that the following wholly-owned subsidiaries may provide international telecommunications service under the international section 214 authorization held by the applicant, pursuant to section 63.21(h) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 63.21(h): ACN Communication Services, LLC and Flash Wireless, LLC. Consolidated Communications Holdings Inc.

# ITC-214-20030808-00393

By letter dated November 19, 2021, applicant notified the Commission that it will be discontinuing its provision of presubscribed interstate and international interexchange services, as well as operator services and directory assistance calling associated with such services, to customers in the state of Texas that do not also purchase local exchange telephone service from an affiliate of Consolidated Communications on or about December 31, 2021.

#### ITC-214-20070228-00088

Transtelco, Inc.

By letter filed November 22, 2021, Applicant notified the Commission that the following wholly-owned subsidiary may provide international telecommunications service under the international section 214 authorization held by the applicant, pursuant to section 63.21(h) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 63.21(h): Sierra USA Communications, Inc. Kynect Communications LTD

### ITC-214-20140806-00233

ITC-214-19971231-00829

By letter dated November 11, 2021, the Commission was notified that Stream Communications LLC has changed its name to Kynect Communications LTD.

## SURRENDER

MidstateTelephone Long Distance Company, LLC

By letter dated November 15, 2021, Midstate Telephone Long Distance Company, LLC notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization, effective November 15, 2021.

# SURRENDER

## ITC-214-20040909-00361

Sierra USA Communications, Inc.

By letter dated November 9, 2021, Sierra USA Communications, Inc. notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization, effective November 9, 2021.

# CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS

(1) These authorizations are subject to the Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations, which identifies restrictions on providing service to particular countries or using particular facilities. The most recent Exclusion List is at the end of this Public Notice. The list applies to all U.S. international carriers, including those that have previously received global or limited global Section 214 authority, whether by Public Notice or specific written order. Carriers are advised that the attached Exclusion List is subject to amendment at any time pursuant to the procedures set forth in Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118, 11 FCC Rcd 12884 (1996), para. 18. A copy of the current Exclusion List will be maintained in the FCC Reference and Information Center and will be available at http://transition.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/exclusionlist.html. It also will be attached to each Public Notice that grants international Section 214 authority.

(2) The export of telecommunications services and related payments to countries that are subject to economic sanctions may be restricted. For information concerning current restrictions, call the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2520.

(3) Carriers shall comply with the requirements of Section 63.11 of the Commission's rules, which requires notification by, and in certain circumstances prior notification by, U.S. carriers acquiring an affiliation with foreign carriers. A carrier that acquires an affiliation with a foreign carrier will be subject to possible reclassification as a dominant carrier on an affiliated route pursuant to the provisions of Section 63.10 of the rules.

(4) A carrier may provide switched services over its authorized resold private lines in the circumstances specified in Section 63.23(d) of the rules, 47 CFR § 63.23(d).

(5) Carriers shall comply with the "No Special Concessions" rule, Section 63.14, 47 CFR § 63.14.

(6) Carriers regulated as dominant for the provision of a particular communications service on a particular route for any reason other than a foreign carrier affiliation under Section 63.10 of the rules shall file tariffs pursuant to Section 203 of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 203, and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR Part 61. Carriers shall not otherwise file tariffs except as permitted by Section 61.19 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.19. Except as specified in Section 20.15 with respect to commercial mobile radio service providers, carriers regulated as non-dominant, as defined in Section 61.3, and providing detariffed international services pursuant to Section 61.19, must comply with all applicable public disclosure and maintenance of information requirements in Sections 42.10 and 42.11.

(7) International facilities-based service providers must file and maintain a list of U.S.-international routes on which they have direct termination arrangements with a foreign carrier. 47 CFR § 63.22(h). A new international facilities-based service provider or one without existing direct termination arrangements must file its list within thirty (30) days of entering into a direct termination arrangement(s) with a foreign carrier(s). Thereafter, international facilities-based service providers must update their lists within thirty (30) days after adding a termination arrangement for a new foreign destination or discontinuing an arrangement with a previously listed destination. See Process For The Filing Of Routes On Which International Service Providers Have Direct Termination Arrangements With A Foreign Carrier, ITC-MSC-20181015-00182, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 10008 (IB 2018).

(8) Any U.S. Carrier that owned or leased bare capacity on a submarine cable between the United States and any foreign point must file a Circuit Capacity Report to provide information about the submarine cable capacity it holds. 47 CFR § 43.82(a)(2). See https://www.fcc.gov/circuit-capacity-data-us-international-submarine-cables.

(9) Carriers should consult Section 63.19 of the rules when contemplating a discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service.

(10) If any carrier is reselling service obtained pursuant to a contract with another carrier, the services obtained by contract shall be made generally available by the underlying carrier to similarly situated customers at the same terms, conditions and rates. 47 U.S.C. § 203.

(11) To the extent the applicant is, or is affiliated with, an incumbent independent local exchange carrier, as those terms are defined in Section 64.1902 of the rules, it shall provide the authorized services in compliance with the requirements of Section 64.1903.

(12) Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission, a carrier authorized here to provide facilities-based service that (i) is classified as dominant under Section 63.10 of the rules for the provision of such service on a particular route and (ii) is affiliated with a carrier that collects settlement payments for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of that route may not provide facilities-based switched service on that route unless the current rates the affiliate charges U.S. international carriers to terminate traffic are at or below the Commission's relevant benchmark adopted in International Settlement Rates, IB Docket No. 96-261, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997). See also Report and Order on Reconsideration and Order Lifting Stay in IB Docket No. 96-261, FCC 99-124 (rel. June 11, 1999). For the purposes of this rule, "affiliated" and "foreign carrier" are defined in Section 63.09.

(13) Carriers shall comply with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), see 47 CFR §§ 1.20000 et seq.

(14) Every carrier must designate an agent for service in the District of Columbia. See 47 U.S.C. § 413, 47 CFR §§ 1.47(h), 64.1195.

Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations

The following is a list of countries and facilities not covered by grant of global Section 214 authority under Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 63.18(e)(1). Carriers desiring to serve countries or use facilities listed as excluded hereon shall file a separate Section 214 application pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules. See 47 CFR § 63.22(c).

Countries:

None.

Facilities:

Any non-U.S.-licensed space station that has not received Commission approval to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the procedures adopted in the Commission's DISCO II Order, IB Docket No. 96-111, Report and Order, FCC 97-399, 12 FCC Rcd 24094, 24107-72 paragraphs 30-182 (1997) (DISCO II Order). Information regarding non-U.S.-licensed space stations approved to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the Commission's DISCO II procedures is maintained at https://www.fcc.gov/approved-space-station-list.

This list is subject to change by the Commission when the public interest requires. The most current version of the list is maintained at https://www.fcc.gov/exclusion-list-international-section-214-authorizations.

For additional information, contact the International Bureau's Telecommunications and Analysis Division, (202) 418-1480.