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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL
OF ROOME TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO
THE ESTATE OF RANDAL L. ROOME**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 21-44

Comments Due: February 25, 2021
Reply Comment Due: March 4, 2021

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Roome Telecommunications, Inc. (Roome Telecom and Applicant), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules,¹ requesting consent for the involuntary transfer of control of Roome Telecom to the Estate of Randal L. Roome (the Estate).²

Roome Telecom, an Oregon corporation, provides service as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) to customers in and around Halsey, Oregon. Applicant states that the Estate does not hold a 10% or greater interest in any other domestic telecommunications provider.³

Applicant requests streamlined treatment of the transfer of control under the Commission's rules and asserts 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)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules.⁴

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. On February 9, 2021, Applicant 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 On January 16, 2021, Randal L. Roome, who wholly owned Roome Telecom, passed away, and his interest in Roome Telecom was transferred to the Estate. On or about February 1, 2021, the Court of the County of Linn, Oregon appointed Ronald L. Roome, a U.S. citizen and the brother of Randal L. Roome, as the Personal Representative of the Estate.

³ Applicant states that Ronald L. Roome currently holds a minority 19% interest in Ducor Telephone Company, which is an incumbent LEC that is being transferred in a pending transaction before the Commission. *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Ducor Telephone Company d/b/a Varcomm to Eric N. Votaw*, Public Notice, DA 21-24, WC Docket No. 21-26 (WCB Feb. 5, 2021).

⁴ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of
Roome Telecommunications, Inc. to The Estate of Randal L. Roome,
WC Docket No. 21-44 (filed Feb. 8, 2021).

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 February 25, 2021**, and reply comments **on or before March 4, 2021**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicant no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicant 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;
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, gregory.kwan@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *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.

To allow the Commission to consider fully all substantive issues regarding the application in as timely and efficient a manner as possible, petitioners and commenters should raise all issues in

their initial filings. New issues may not be raised in responses or replies.⁵ A party or interested person seeking to raise a new issue after the pleading cycle has closed must show good cause why it was not possible for it to have raised the issue previously. Submissions after the pleading cycle has closed that seek to raise new issues based on new facts or newly discovered facts should be filed within 15 days after such facts are discovered. Absent such a showing of good cause, any issues not timely raised may be disregarded by the Commission.

For further information, please contact Myrva Charles at (202) 418-1506 or Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).