



PUBLIC NOTICE

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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL
OF MOUNDVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AND MTC LONG DISTANCE, INC.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 21-47

**Comments Due: March 2, 2021
Reply Comments Due: March 9, 2021**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Patricia C. Taylor, Moundville Telephone Company, Inc. (Moundville Telephone), MTC Long Distance, Inc. (MTC LD), and Richard Scott Taylor (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 to transfer control of Moundville Telephone and MTC LD.¹

Moundville Telephone, an Alabama corporation, provides service as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier to residential and business customers in portions of Hale and Tuscaloosa counties, Alabama. MTC LD, an Alabama corporation, provides long distance resale service to certain of Moundville Telephone's customers. Both Moundville Telephone and MTC LD are wholly owned subsidiaries of Moundville Communications, Inc. (Moundville Communications), an Alabama corporation and holding company. Moundville Communications is currently owned by Patricia C. Taylor (64%) and her two children, Richard Scott Taylor (18%) and Jami Kathryn Taylor (18%), all U.S. citizens.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Patricia C. Taylor will transfer all of her shares of common stock in Moundville Communications to Mr. Taylor.² As a result, post-consummation, Mr. Taylor will hold the majority interest (82%) of Moundville Communications and its subsidiaries, Moundville Telephone and MTC LD.

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 authorizations. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application on February 11, 2021. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² Applicants state that neither Moundville Communications nor Mr. Taylor hold interests in any other domestic telecommunications provider.

Applicants request streamlined treatment of the proposed transaction under the Commission's rules and assert that a grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We accept this application for filing under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules.³

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Moundville Telephone Company, Inc. and MTC Long Distance, Inc.,
WC Docket No. 21-47 (filed Feb. 4, 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 March 2, 2021**, and reply comments **on or before March 9, 2021**. 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) Tracey Wilson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, tracey.wilson@fcc.gov;
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, gregory.kwan@fcc.gov;
- 3) David Krech, Policy Division, International Bureau, david.krech@fcc.gov; and
- 4) 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

³ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

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.⁴ 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 Tracey Wilson at (202) 418-1394 or Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).