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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ESTABLISHES DOCKET FOR PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TRACFONE WIRELESS, INC. TO VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

### GN Docket No. 21-112

On September 30, 2020, Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) filed an application for consent to transfer control of TracFone Wireless, Inc. (TracFone),<sup>1</sup> which holds a single international section 214 authorization,<sup>2</sup> from TracFone's 100% indirect parent, América Móvil S.A.B. de C.V. to Verizon. Verizon filed the application as part of its acquisition of TracFone, a mobile virtual network operator that offers prepaid services aimed at value-conscious consumers, and serves almost 21 million customers, including 1.7 million Lifeline customers. The purpose of this public notice is to announce the opening of a docket, GN Docket No. 21-112, which is captioned "Proposed Transfer of Control of Tracfone Wireless, Inc. to Verizon Communications Inc." and articulate the *ex parte* status of discussions related to the proposed transaction.

Pursuant to Section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> the Commission may adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires. We announce that this proceeding will be governed by permit-but-disclose *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.<sup>4</sup> Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are directed to the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Parties are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain the presentation's substance and not merely list the subjects discussed.<sup>5</sup> More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required.<sup>6</sup> The rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b).<sup>7</sup>

Under the Commission's current procedures,<sup>8</sup> notices of the *ex parte* presentations, which must include a reference to GN Docket No. 21-112, shall be filed electronically through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) when feasible.

<sup>1</sup> See File No. ITC-T/C-20200930-00173.

<sup>2</sup> File No. ITC-214-20030401-00162.

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 1.1200(a).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b)(1).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* § 1.1206(b).

<sup>8</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.1206(b)(2). See also *FCC Announces Change in Filing Location for Paper Documents*, Public Notice, 24 FCC Red 14312 (2009).

*Filing Requirements.* Parties may file comments, identified by GN Docket No. 21-112, by any of the following methods:

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial courier or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial deliveries (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- U.S. Postal Service First-Class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- **Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020). <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changeshand-delivery-policy>.**
- **During the time the Commission's building is closed to the general public and until further notice, if more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of a proceeding, paper filers need not submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number; an original and one copy are sufficient.**

One copy of each *ex parte* submission also must be delivered electronically, by email, or if delivered as paper copy, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to: (1) Stacy Ferraro, Competition & Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [stacy.ferraro@fcc.gov](mailto:stacy.ferraro@fcc.gov); (2) Kate Mataves, Economic Analysis Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, at [catherine.mataves@fcc.gov](mailto:catherine.mataves@fcc.gov); (3) David Krech, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau, at [david.krech@fcc.gov](mailto:david.krech@fcc.gov); and (4) Joel Rabinovitz, Office of General Counsel, at [joel.rabinovitz@fcc.gov](mailto:joel.rabinovitz@fcc.gov).

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Action by Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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