



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## NOTICE OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

### WC Docket No. 22-302

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants the Application<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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 the docket will be closed.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of  
The Benton Ridge Telephone Company to Cequel Owens, LLC,  
WC Docket No. 22-302, Public Notice, DA 22-909 (WCB 2022).<sup>4</sup>

### Effective Grant Date: October 1, 2022

For further information, please contact Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Application of Cequel Owens, LLC and The Benton Ridge Telephone Company for Consent Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, to Transfer Control of Domestic and International Section 214 Authorization Holder, WC Docket No. 22-302 (filed Aug. 5, 2022 ) (Application). Applicants filed supplements to the Application. Letter from J. Michael Long, Senior Counsel for Cequel Owens, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-302 (filed Aug. 24, 2022) (August 24 Supplement); Letter from J. Michael Long, Senior Counsel for Cequel Owens, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-302, IB File No. ITC-214-20220624-00075 (filed Sept. 26, 2022).

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

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*; see 47 CFR § 1.4 (Computation of time).

<sup>4</sup> The Benton Ridge Telephone Company (Benton Ridge) is an incumbent local exchange carrier in three exchanges in northwestern Ohio and has the following operating subsidiaries: B.R. Cablevision Company, B.R. Cablecomm, Inc., Bright.net-BRT, Community Fiber Solutions, and W.A.T.C.H. TV Company. Application at 2-3. Cequel Owens LLC (Cequel) as the transferee has affirmed that the transaction will not impact the deployment obligations associated with high-cost universal service funding received by Benton Ridge, that Cequel shall direct Benton Ridge to continue fulfilling these obligations under the Commission's rules, and that Cequel will be responsible to the Commission for any support recovery associated with Benton Ridge or its subsidiaries not meeting their obligations. August 24 Supplement at 1.