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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ADVANCED NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.

WC Docket Nos. 22-14, 22-144, and 22-249

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau grants an application filed pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval for Long Lines, LLC (Long Lines), which currently owns 50% of Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C. (Advanced Network), to acquire the 50% ownership of Advanced Network currently held by Schaller Telephone Company (Schaller), which would result in Long Lines acquiring 100% direct control of Advanced Network.¹ In addition, the Bureau grants two additional section 214 applications seeking approval for prior unauthorized transactions involving Advanced Network and Long Lines.²

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Application of Schaller Telephone Company, Long Lines, LLC, and Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C. for Transfer of Control Pursuant Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 22-14 (filed Dec. 21, 2021) (2021 Application). On February 8, 2022 and February 11, 2022, counsel for these applicants filed supplements to the 2021 Application. Letter from John Pietila and K.C. Halm, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-14 (filed Feb. 8, 2022) (February 8, 2022 Supplement); Letter from John Pietila and K.C. Halm, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-14 (filed Feb. 11, 2022). These applicants also filed an application for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on the domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. On August 2, 2022, Counsel filed a narrative and timeline explaining the history and legal relationships between the parties addressed in this Public Notice. Letter from K.C. Halm and John Pietila, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 22-14, 22-144, and 22-249 (filed Aug. 2, 2022), and on August 9, 2022, Counsel filed a revision to the narrative. Letter from K.C. Halm and John Pietila, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 22-14, 22-144, and 22-249 (filed Aug. 9, 2022). On October 11, 2022, Counsel filed a supplemental letter in all three dockets. Letter from John Pietila and K.C. Halm, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-14 (filed Oct. 11, 2022).

² Application of Schaller Telephone Company, Long Lines, LLC, and Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C. for Transfer of Control Pursuant Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 22-144 (filed Mar. 25, 2022) (2005 Application) (seeking Commission approval for an unauthorized transfer that occurred on September 1, 2005 when Schaller transferred 50% of its 100% equity interests in Advanced Network to Long Lines); Application of Long Lines Communications, LLC, Long Lines, LLC, and Schurz Communications, Inc. for Transfer of Control Pursuant Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 22-249 (filed Jun. 30, 2022) (2015 Application) (seeking Commission approval for an unauthorized transfer that occurred on March 9, 2015, when Schurz Communications, Inc. (Schurz Communications) acquired Long Lines). On April 7, 2022, the applicants for

On October 21, 2022, the Bureau released a public notice seeking comment on the Applications.³ No party filed comments in opposition to a grant of the Applications, and the Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that granting the Applications will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁴ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grants are effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C., WC Docket No. 22-14, Public Notice, DA 22-1113 (WCB 2022).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C., WC Docket No. 22-144, Public Notice, DA 22-1113 (WCB 2022).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Long Lines, LLC, WC Docket No. 22-249, Public Notice, DA 22-1113 (WCB 2022).

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the 2005 Application filed a request for special temporary authority (STA) to allow Advanced Network to continue to provide service to customers while the 2005 Application is pending. *See* Letter from K.C. Halm and John Pietila, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-144 (filed Apr. 7, 2022). On October 20, 2022, the Bureau granted the STA for the domestic authorization for a period of 180 days. On August 5, 2022, the applicants for the 2015 Application filed a STA to allow Long Lines to continue to provide service to customers while the 2015 Application is pending. *See* Letter from K.C. Halm and John Pietila, Counsel, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-249 (filed Aug. 5, 2022). On October 20, 2022, the Bureau granted the STA for the domestic authorization for a period of 180 days. A grant of the domestic section 214 applications in this Public Notice is without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Act or the Commission's rules.

³ *Domestic Section 214 Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Advanced Network Communications, L.L.C.*, WC Docket Nos. 22-14, 22-144, and 22-249, Public Notice, DA 21-1113 (WCB 2022).

⁴ *See Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5529, para. 22 (2002).