



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL  
OF ROOME TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FROM  
THE ESTATE OF RANDAL LEE ROOME TO VARCOMM HOLDINGS, INC.**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 22-433**

**Comments Due: December 28, 2022**  
**Reply Comment Due: January 4, 2023**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Roome Telecommunications, Inc. (Roome), The Estate of Randal Lee Roome (Roome Estate), and Varcomm Holdings, Inc., (Varcomm) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting consent to transfer control of Roome from the Roome Estate to Varcomm.<sup>1</sup>

Roome, an Oregon corporation, provides service to approximately 230 access lines as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) in a single exchange in and around the city of Halsey in west central Oregon. Roome is currently held by the Roome Estate.<sup>2</sup>

Varcomm, a California holding company, wholly-owns Ducor Telephone Company, a rural incumbent LEC serving three exchanges (approximately 985 total access lines) in portions of Tulare County and Tehama County, California. Varcomm Broadband, Inc., a California corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Varcomm, provides service as competitive LEC in certain areas of California. Varcomm is owned by Eric N. Votaw (55% voting and equity interest) and Jenifer Vellucci (45% voting and equity interest), both U.S. citizens.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> Randal Lee Roome, the former owner of all the issued and outstanding Roome stock, died on January 16, 2021. On or about January 28, 2021, the Linn County Circuit Court admitted the will of Randal Lee Roome to probate, and appointed Randal L. Roome, his brother, as Personal Representative. On March 15, 2021, the Commission granted its consent to the involuntary transfer of control of Roome from Randal Lee Roome to the Roome Estate with Randal L. Roome as Personal Representative. *Notice of Domestic Section 214 Authorization Granted*, WC Docket No. 21-44, Public Notice, DA 21-316 (rel. Mar. 15, 2021).

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Varcomm is purchasing 100% of the common stock of Roome from the Roome Estate. As a result of the proposed transaction, Varcomm would own and control Roome.

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 the application for streamlined filing under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules.<sup>3</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of  
Roome Telecommunications, Inc. from The Estate of Randal Lee Roome to  
Varcomm Holdings, Inc., WC Docket No. 22-433 (filed Dec. 8, 2022).

### **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 December 28, 2022**, and reply comments **on or before January 4, 2023**. 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](mailto:tracey.wilson@fcc.gov);
- 2) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [dennis.johnson@fcc.gov](mailto:dennis.johnson@fcc.gov); and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, [jim.bird@fcc.gov](mailto:jim.bird@fcc.gov).

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<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

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.<sup>4</sup> 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 Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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<sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).