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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED
FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF GLANDORF TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.
TO THE KALIDA TELEPHONE COMPANY**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 22-447

Comments Due: January 4, 2023
Reply Comment Due: January 11, 2023

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. (Glandorf) and The Kalida Telephone Company (Kalida) (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 consent to transfer control of Glandorf to Kalida.¹

Glandorf, an Ohio corporation, provides service as an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) to about 1,000 access lines in the Glandorf exchange in Ohio.² Glandorf also provides service as a competitive LEC serving the Ottawa exchange in Ohio. Glandorf is privately held by approximately 153 shareholders, none of whom has a 10% or greater ownership interest.

Kalida, an Ohio corporation, provides service as an incumbent LEC serving the Kalida exchange in Ohio, which is adjacent to the Glandorf exchange. Kalida also provides resold domestic long distance service using the trade name KTC Long Distance. Kalida is privately held by approximately 130 shareholders, none of whom has a 10% or greater ownership interest in Kalida.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Kalida will acquire direct ownership and control of Glandorf, with Glandorf becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kalida. Each company will retain its current corporate identity and trade names for marketing and billing purposes. Applicants state that the transaction would not result in an overlap of fiber facilities in the areas in

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants filed a supplement to their application on December 16, 2022. Letter from Richard W. Jordan, Consultant to Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. and The Kalida Telephone Company, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 22-447 (filed Dec. 16, 2022).

² Applicants state that Glandorf participates in Lifeline, E-Rate, and Rural Health Care programs, also provides long distance, broadband, and video services.

which they operate and would have no impact on their ability to meet their Universal Service Fund obligations.

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 for streamlined processing pursuant to our authority to afford streamlining to particular applications on a case-by-case basis.³

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Glandorf Telephone Company, Inc. to The Kalida Telephone Company, WC Docket No. 22-447 (filed Dec. 13, 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 January 4, 2023**, and reply comments **on or before January 11, 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) Myrva Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.charles@fcc.gov;
- 2) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, dennis.johnson@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

People with Disabilities: We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530.

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

³ See *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5531-32, 5535, paras. 28, 34 (2002); 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a).

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 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 Myrva Charles at (202) 418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).