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## International Authorizations Granted

### Section 214 Applications (47 CFR §§ 63.18, 63.24); Section 310(b) Petitions (47 CFR § 1.5000)

By the Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, Office of International Affairs:

The following applications have been granted pursuant to the Commission's processing procedures set forth in sections 63.12 and 63.20 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR §§ 63.12, 63.20.

Unless otherwise noted, these grants authorize the applicants to: (1) become a facilities-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.22 and/or a resale-based international common carrier subject to 47 CFR §§ 63.21, 63.23; (2) assign or transfer control of international section 214 authority in accordance with 47 CFR § 63.24; or (3) exceed the foreign ownership benchmarks applicable to common carrier radio licensees under 47 U.S.C. § 310(b); see Subpart T of Part 1 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.5000-5004.

THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SERVES AS EACH NEWLY AUTHORIZED CARRIER'S SECTION 214 CERTIFICATE. It contains general and specific conditions, which are set forth below. Newly authorized carriers should carefully review the terms and conditions of their authorizations. Failure to comply with general or specific conditions of an authorization, or with other relevant Commission rules and policies, could result in fines and forfeitures.

Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, in regard to the grant of any of these applications may be filed within 30 (thirty) days of this public notice. See 47 CFR § 1.4(b)(2).

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**ITC-T/C-20230120-00004** E Mashell Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rainier Connect  
Transfer of Control  
Consummated Date of Action: 10/20/2023

**Current Licensee:** Mashell Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rainier Connect

**FROM:** Mashell, Inc.

**TO:** Alphaboost Purchaser, LLC

On September 12, 2023, we granted the application of Mashell Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Rainier Connect (Mashell Telecom) for the transfer of control of Mashell Telecom, which holds international section 214 authority for global resale service (ITC-214-19970821-00502), from Mashell, Inc. to Alphaboost Purchaser, LLC. Grant of the application was conditioned on Mashell Telecom abiding by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the Letter of Agreement from Brian Haynes, President/CEO, Mashell Telecom, Inc, dba Rainier Connect, to the Chief, Foreign Investment Review Section, and Deputy Chief, Compliance and Enforcement, Foreign Investment Review Section, on behalf of the Assistant Attorney General for National Security, United States Department of Justice, National Security Division (Aug. 24, 2023) (August 24, 2023 LOA). See International Authorizations Granted, Report No. TEL-02302, Public Notice, DA 23-846 (OIA rel. Sep. 14, 2023).

On December 20, 2023, the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) filed a letter requesting that we replace the August 24, 2023 LOA with a December 14, 2023 mitigation agreement as a condition on the domestic and international authority held by Mashell Telecom. Letter from Tyler J. Wood, Deputy Chief for Compliance & Enforcement, Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC (Dec. 20, 2023) (filed in ITC-T/C-20230120-00004 and WC Docket No. 23-30) (Committee Letter). According to the letter, the Committee has made a non-substantive administrative modification to the mitigation agreement with the consent of the authorization holder.

We grant the Committee's request and condition grant of the transfer application on Alphaboost Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries, including Mashell Telecom, abiding by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the Letter of Agreement from Michael Reynolds, Pak Ka Kelvin Wong, and Anand Vadapalli, Alphaboost Holdings, LLC, to the Chief, Foreign Investment Review Section, and Deputy Chief, Compliance and Enforcement, Foreign Investment Review Section, on behalf of the Assistant Attorney General for National Security, United States Department of Justice, National Security Division (Dec. 14, 2023) (December 14, 2023 LOA). The Committee Letter and the December 14, 2023 LOA may be viewed on the FCC's website through the International Communications Filing System by searching for ITC-T/C-20230120-00004 and accessing the "Other Filings related to this application" from the Document Viewing Area.

A failure to comply and/or remain in compliance with any of these commitments and undertakings shall constitute a failure to meet a condition of the authorization and thus grounds for declaring the authorization terminated without further action on the part of the Commission. Failure to meet a condition of the authorization may also result in monetary sanctions or other enforcement action by the Commission.

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**ITC-T/C-20231024-00132** E CP-TEL Network Services, Inc.  
Transfer of Control  
Grant of Authority Date of Action: 12/21/2023

**Current Licensee:** CP-TEL Network Services, Inc.

**FROM:** Epic Touch Co., Inc.

**TO:** H.N.G. Holdings, LLC

CP-TEL Network Services, Inc. (CP-TEL Services), a Louisiana corporation that holds international section 214 authority for global resale service (ITC-214-20001222-00758), filed an application for consent to the transfer of control of CP-TEL Services from Epic Touch Co., Inc. (Epic Touch) to H.N.G. Holdings, L.L.C. (HNG Holdings). CP-TEL Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of CP-TEL Holdings, Inc. (CP-TEL Holdings), a Louisiana corporation, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Epic Touch, a Kansas corporation. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, HNG Holdings will purchase all of the issued and outstanding stock of CP TEL Holdings from Epic Touch. As a result, CP-Tel Holdings and CP-TEL Services will become direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of HNG Holdings respectively.

HNG Holdings is a Louisiana limited liability company. William Michael George, a U.S. citizen, holds 64% equity and voting interests directly in HNG Holdings. He also serves as the trustee for three trusts for his children, all U.S. citizens, which each holds 12% equity and voting interests in HNG Holdings: Erin E. George Minority Trust, Christine M. George Minority Trust, Douglas M. George Minority Trust; all organized in Louisiana. The Applicants state that no other individual or entity directly or indirectly owns or controls ten percent or more of HNG Holdings.

This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission's action in any other related pending proceedings.

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**SURRENDER**

**ITC-214-19960206-00058** Cumberland Cellular Partnership

Cumberland Cellular Partnership notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization.

**ITC-214-19970826-00507** Kentucky RSA #3 Cellular General Partnership

Kentucky RSA #3 Cellular General Partnership notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization.

**ITC-214-19970826-00508** Cumberland Cellular Partnership

Cumberland Cellular Partnership notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization.

**ITC-214-19970826-00510** Kentucky RSA 4 Cellular General Partnership d/b/a Bluegrass

Kentucky RSA 4 Cellular General Partnership d/b/a Bluegrass notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization.

**SURRENDER**

**ITC-214-20191028-00174**

Itel Networks Inc.

Itel Networks Inc. notified the Commission of the surrender of its international section 214 authorization.

## CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATIONS

(1) These authorizations are subject to the Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations, which identifies restrictions on providing service to particular countries or using particular facilities. The most recent Exclusion List is at the end of this Public Notice. The list applies to all U.S. international carriers, including those that have previously received global or limited global section 214 authority, whether by Public Notice or specific written order. Carriers are advised that the attached Exclusion List is subject to amendment at any time pursuant to the procedures set forth in Streamlining the International Section 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements, IB Docket No. 95-118, 11 FCC Rcd 12884 (1996), para. 18. A copy of the current Exclusion List is maintained in the FCC Reference Information Center and is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/exclusion-list-international-section-214-authorizations>. It is also attached to each Public Notice that grants international Section 214 authority.

(2) The export of telecommunications services and related payments to countries that are subject to economic sanctions may be restricted. For information concerning current restrictions, call the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, (202) 622-2520.

(3) Carriers shall comply with the requirements of Section 63.11 of the Commission's rules, which requires notification by, and in certain circumstances prior notification by, U.S. carriers acquiring an affiliation with foreign carriers. A carrier that acquires an affiliation with a foreign carrier will be subject to possible reclassification as a dominant carrier on an affiliated route pursuant to the provisions of section 63.10 of the rules.

(4) A carrier may provide switched services over its authorized resold private lines in the circumstances specified in section 63.23(d) of the rules, 47 CFR § 63.23(d).

(5) Carriers shall comply with the "No Special Concessions" rule, section 63.14, 47 CFR § 63.14.

(6) Carriers regulated as dominant for the provision of a particular communications service on a particular route for any reason other than a foreign carrier affiliation under section 63.10 of the rules shall file tariffs pursuant to Section 203 of the Communications Act, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 203, and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR Part 61. Carriers shall not otherwise file tariffs except as permitted by section 61.19 of the rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.19. Except as specified in section 20.15 with respect to commercial mobile radio service providers, carriers regulated as non-dominant, as defined in section 61.3, and providing detariffed international services pursuant to section 61.19, must comply with all applicable public disclosure and maintenance of information requirements in sections 42.10 and 42.11.

(7) International facilities-based service providers must file and maintain a list of U.S.-international routes on which they have direct termination arrangements with a foreign carrier. 47 CFR § 63.22(h). A new international facilities-based service provider or one without existing direct termination arrangements must file its list within thirty (30) days of entering into a direct termination arrangement(s) with a foreign carrier(s). Thereafter, international facilities-based service providers must update their lists within thirty (30) days after adding a termination arrangement for a new foreign destination or discontinuing an arrangement with a previously listed destination. See Process For The Filing Of Routes On Which International Service Providers Have Direct Termination Arrangements With A Foreign Carrier, ITC-MS-20181015-00182, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 10008 (IB 2018).

(8) Any U.S. Carrier that owned or leased bare capacity on a submarine cable between the United States and any foreign point must file a Circuit Capacity Report to provide information about the submarine cable capacity it holds. 47 CFR § 43.82(a)(2). See <https://www.fcc.gov/circuit-capacity-data-us-international-submarine-cables>.

(9) Carriers should consult section 63.19 of the rules when contemplating a discontinuance, reduction or impairment of service.

(10) If any carrier is reselling service obtained pursuant to a contract with another carrier, the services obtained by contract shall be made generally available by the underlying carrier to similarly situated customers at the same terms, conditions and rates. 47 U.S.C. § 203.

(11) To the extent the applicant is, or is affiliated with, an incumbent independent local exchange carrier, as those terms are defined in section 64.1902 of the rules, it shall provide the authorized services in compliance with the requirements of section 64.1903.

(12) Except as otherwise ordered by the Commission, a carrier authorized here to provide facilities-based service that (i) is classified as dominant under section 63.10 of the rules for the provision of such service on a particular route and (ii) is

affiliated with a carrier that collects settlement payments for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of that route may not provide facilities-based switched service on that route unless the current rates the affiliate charges U.S. international carriers to terminate traffic are at or below the Commission's relevant benchmark adopted in International Settlement Rates, IB Docket No. 96-261, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 19806 (1997). See also Report and Order on Reconsideration and Order Lifting Stay in IB Docket No. 96-261, FCC 99-124 (rel. June 11, 1999). For the purposes of this rule, "affiliated" and "foreign carrier" are defined in section 63.09.

(13) Carriers shall comply with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), see 47 CFR §§ 1.20000 et seq.

(14) Every carrier must designate an agent for service in the District of Columbia. see 47 U.S.C. § 413, 47 CFR §§ 1.47(h), 64.1195.

(15) Each carrier shall notify the Commission of any change in its contact information. Such notification shall be filed in the file number(s) for the international section 214 authorization(s) through the International Communications Filing System (ICFS).

#### Exclusion List for International Section 214 Authorizations

The following is a list of countries and facilities not covered by grant of global section 214 authority under section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 63.18(e)(1). Carriers desiring to serve countries or use facilities listed as excluded hereon shall file a separate section 214 application pursuant to section 63.18(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules. See 47 CFR § 63.22(c).

Countries:

None.

Facilities:

Any non-U.S.-licensed space station that has not received Commission approval to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the procedures adopted in the Commission's DISCO II Order, IB Docket No. 96-111, Report and Order, FCC 97-399, 12 FCC Rcd 24094, 24107-72 paragraphs 30-182 (1997) (DISCO II Order). Information regarding non-U.S.-licensed space stations approved to operate in the U.S. market pursuant to the Commission's DISCO II procedures is maintained at <https://www.fcc.gov/approved-space-station-list>.

This list is subject to change by the Commission when the public interest requires. The most current version of the list is maintained at <https://www.fcc.gov/exclusion-list-international-section-214-authorizations>.

For additional information, contact the Office of International Affairs, Telecommunications and Analysis Division at (202) 418-1480.