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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF VDL, INC. BY XTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 22-467

Comments Due: January 26, 2023
Reply Comment Due: February 2, 2023

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by VDL, Inc. (VDL) and Xtel, Communications, Inc., (Xtel) (VDL and Xtel, 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 for the acquisition of assets and customers of VDL by Xtel.¹

VDL, a Maryland corporation d/b/a Global Telecom Brokers, provides competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) services in Maryland.² Xtel, a New Jersey corporation, is authorized to provide competitive LEC and interexchange services in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, and provides these services in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.³

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Xtel will acquire VDL's current communications-related accounts and substantially all of the communications-related assets of VDL, including all of its customer contracts.

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,

¹ 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. On January 9, 2023, Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application. Letter from Mark C. Del Bianco, Counsel to Xtel Communications, Inc., and Glenn Richards, Counsel to VDL, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC. WC Docket No. 22-467 (filed Jan. 9, 2023). Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² VDL also provides broadband internet access and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services to business customers in 12 states and the District of Columbia.

³ Xtel also provides broadband internet access and VoIP services to business customers in 16 states.

convenience, and necessity. We accept the application for streamlined filing under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules.⁴

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of VDL, Inc. by Xtel Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 22-467 (filed Dec. 22, 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 26, 2023**, and reply comments **on or before February 2, 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) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, gregory.kwan@fcc.gov;
- 2) Sumita Mukhoty, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau, Sumita.mukhoty@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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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 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.

⁴ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

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.⁵ 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 Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).