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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF TELNET WORLDWIDE, INC. BY INTERACTIVE SERVICES NETWORK, INC.

NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-189

Comments Due: December 19, 2025

Reply Comments Due: December 26, 2025

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by TelNet Worldwide, Inc. (TelNet) and Interactive Services Network, Inc. (d/b/a IPFone) (Interactive) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.04 of the Commission's rules,¹ requesting Commission consent to the acquisition of certain assets of TelNet by Interactive.²

TelNet, a Michigan S corporation, operates as a telecommunications services provider, offering local exchange, long distance, and other communications services to business customers.³ TelNet is a competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) in Michigan where it offers resold local and interexchange services and also provides other communications services in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and California.⁴

Interactive, a Florida C corporation, operates as a competitive LEC in Florida where it offers resold local exchange and interexchange services for business customers.⁵ Interactive also provides other communications services in California, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and Texas.⁶ Applicants state there is no overlap in the service territory where the two companies offer telecommunications services.⁷ Interactive's 10% or greater interest holders are: Roberto Damian Chmielewski, holds dual citizenship in the United States and Argentina, and is the CEO and President of

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR § 63.04.

² Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of TelNet Worldwide, Inc. by Interactive Services Network, Inc., WC Docket No. 25-189 (filed Sept. 19, 2025) (Restated Application). Applicants also filed an application for the assignment of authorizations associated with international services (ICFS File No. ITC-ASG-20250829-00104). Any action on the Restated Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

³ Restated Application at 1-2.

⁴ *Id.* at 5. TelNet also operates a data center and contact center. *Id.* at 2.

⁵ *Id.* at 1-2, 5.

⁶ *Id.* at 5.

⁷ *Id.*

Interactive (15% direct equity and voting); Claudio Liberman, a citizen of Argentina (45% direct equity and voting and 40% indirect equity and voting interest through Olivia Management Corp.); and Olivia Management Corp., a British Virgin Islands company, wholly owned by Claudio Liberman (40% direct equity and voting).⁸

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, TelNet and Interactive have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, whereby Interactive agreed to acquire certain assets, clients, and specific network equipment of TelNet.⁹ Applicants state that post-consummation, TelNet's telecommunications customers would be served by Interactive, and continue to use the trade name TelNet Worldwide, an IPFone Company.¹⁰ TelNet will remain a separate entity, not owned by Interactive, but will no longer provide telecommunications services.¹¹ TelNet will continue to own and operate its data center and contact center.¹²

Applicants assert that grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹³ Specifically, Applicants state that customers of TelNet will have access to new services offered by Interactive and the proposed transaction will strengthen the competitive position of Interactive by expanding its customer base.¹⁴ Applicants also state that the proposed transaction will not disrupt or otherwise negatively impact services, customers or competition.¹⁵ Because the proposed transaction is more complex than those accepted for streamlined treatment, and in order to analyze whether the proposed transaction would serve the public interest, we accept the Application for non-streamlined processing.¹⁶

Domestic Section 214 Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of TelNet Worldwide, Inc. by Interactive Services Network, Inc., WC Docket No. 25-189 (filed Sept. 19, 2025).

Referral to Executive Branch Agencies: Pursuant to Commission practice, the Application is being referred to the relevant Executive Branch agencies for their views on any national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, or trade policy concerns related to the foreign ownership of the entities at issue.¹⁷ Applicants state that, concurrent with filing the Application, they submitted directly to the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) responses to the Committee's standard questions.¹⁸

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing.

⁸ *Id.* at 2-4, Attach. 1-A.

⁹ *Id.* at 4.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* at 4-5.

¹² *Id.* at 5.

¹³ *Id.* at 7.

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.* at 5, 7.

¹⁶ 47 CFR § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

¹⁷ See *Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership*, IB Docket 16-155, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 10927, 10935-36, paras. 24-25 (2020) (*Executive Branch Review Process Order*).

¹⁸ Restated Application at 6-7.

The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies.

Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
 - Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. **All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.**
 - Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

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- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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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.¹⁹ 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.

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¹⁹ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).