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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. TO PEN TEL INC.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-341

Comments Due: December 30, 2025

Reply Comments Due: January 6, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Enhanced Communications Network, Inc. (ECN) and PEN Tel Inc. (PEN Tel, and together with ECN, 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 for the transfer of ownership and control of ECN to PEN Tel.²

ECN, a Delaware corporation, provides resale telecommunications services in multiple states. ECN is indirectly held by Helen Shih, a U.S. citizen as the sole trustee and beneficiary of the Helen Shih Revocable Trust (a California trust).

PEN Tel, a Delaware corporation, was formed for the purposes of the proposed transaction and does not provide telecommunications services and is not affiliated with any telecommunications provider. PEN Tel is owned by ECN's current management and certain employees. The following U.S. citizens will hold a ten percent or greater interest in PEN Tel: Richard Franz (40% voting and equity); Thomas Halusky (30% voting and equity); Yu-Kwang (Kevin) Chiang (15% voting and equity); and Yun Fei (Fred) (15% voting and equity).³

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, PEN Tel would acquire all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of ECN. As a result, ECN will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of PEN Tel and continue providing services post-transaction.

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. We accept the Application for streamlined processing under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules.⁴

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

² Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Enhanced Communications Network, Inc. to PEN Tel Inc, WC Docket No. 25-341 (filed Dec. 10, 2025) (Second Restated Application). Applicants filed a supplement to the Second Restated Application on December 12, 2025. Letter from Patrick D. Crocker, Counsel for Applicants, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 25-341 (filed Dec. 12, 2025) (Supplement).

³ See Second Restated Application at 3; Supplement.

⁴ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Enhanced Communications Network, Inc. to PEN Tel Inc., WC Docket No. 25-341 (filed Dec. 8, 2025).

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. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. 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, interested parties must file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice).

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, dennis.johnson@fcc.gov; and
- 2) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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.

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

⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).

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, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-0809 or dennis.johnson@fcc.gov.

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