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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF BT FEDERAL INC. TO 22nd CENTURY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-251

Comments Due: September 24, 2025

Reply Comments Due: October 1, 2025

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by BT Americas Inc. (BTA) and 22nd Century Technologies, Inc. (TSCTI) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.03 of the Commission's rules,¹ requesting consent to transfer control of BTA's wholly owned subsidiary, BT Federal Inc. (BTF), to TSCTI.²

BTA, a Delaware corporation, which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of BT Americas Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, provides a range of managed telecommunications, network, security, and IT infrastructure services to customers.³ BTF, a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of BTA, holds domestic section 214 authority and provides network, security, and cloud solutions to U.S. government customers.⁴

TSCTI, a Delaware corporation wholly owned by U.S. citizens,⁵ owns IT service integrator and

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

² Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of BT Federal Inc. to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., WC Docket No. 25-251 (filed Aug. 15, 2025) (Application). Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of an authorization associated with international services (ICFS File No. ITC-T/C-20250718-00058). Applicants filed a supplement to the Application on August 28, 2025. Letter filed by Jason A. Mills, Counsel for BT Americas Inc., and Jodi A. Goldberg, Counsel for 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (filed Aug. 28, 2025) (Supplement). Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

³ Application at 3.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ The following U.S. individuals and familial trusts own TSCTI: (1) The SS 2023 NV Descendants Trust (SS Descendants Trust), a Nevada entity, holds direct 36% equity and 4% voting interests in TSCTI. The trustee is Peak Trust Company – NV TTEE, a Nevada entity. Satvinder Singh, as the trust grantor, reserves the right to replace the trustee at-will. (2) Anupama Sharma 2024 Irrevocable Trust, a Virginia entity, holds direct 22.5% equity and voting interests in TSCTI. The trustees are Satvinder Singh and Anil Sharma, the spouse of Anupama Sharma. (3) Anupama Sharma holds an indirect 22.5% equity and voting interests in TSCTI as the trust grantor of the Anupama Sharma Trust. (4) Anil Sharma 2024 Irrevocable Trust, a Virginia entity, holds direct 22.5% equity and voting interests in TSCTI. The trustees are Satvinder Singh and Anupama Sharma, the spouse of Anil Sharma. (5) Anil

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workforce solutions companies in the United States.⁶ TSCTI does not currently provide telecommunications services nor hold any Commission authorizations.⁷

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, TSCTI will acquire from BTA all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock in BTF for cash.⁸ Applicants state that after closing, BTF will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of TSCTI, will continue to hold its section 214 authorization, conduct business, and support its existing customers and contracts.⁹ TSCTI will function as a strategic partner to BTF, providing additional resources, capabilities, and capital in order to continue and expand BTF's operations.¹⁰

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹¹ We accept the Application for streamlined processing under section 63.03(b)(1)(i) of the Commission's rules.¹²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of BT Federal Inc. to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., WC Docket No. 25-251 (filed Aug. 15, 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) Megan Danner, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, megan.danner@fcc.gov;

Sharma holds an indirect 22.5% equity and voting interests in TSCTI as the trust grantor of the Anil Sharma Trust. (6) Satvinder Singh holds a total of 50% equity and voting interests in TSCTU, direct 14% equity and 46% voting interests in TSCTI, and indirect 36% equity and 4% equity interests as the trust grantor of the SS Descendants Trust. Supplement at 1, Exh. B.

⁶ Application at 3.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* at 4

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* at 4-5.

¹² 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

- 2) David Krech, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, Office of International Affairs, david.krech@fcc.gov; and
- 3) 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.¹³ 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 Megan Danner, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1151.

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¹³ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).