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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF POINT BROADBAND FIBER HOLDING, LLC BY CITY OF COLQUITT, GEORGIA

### NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-187

**Comments Due: September 26, 2025**

**Reply Comments Due: October 3, 2025**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC (Point Broadband) and the City of Colquitt, Georgia (Colquitt, together with Point Broadband, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.04 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> requesting Commission approval for the acquisition of Point Broadband's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) buildout and service obligations associated with census blocks (the entire Study Area Code 229033) (Assigned Census Blocks), covering 2,000 locations in Miller County, Georgia, by Colquitt.<sup>2</sup>

Point Broadband, a Delaware limited liability company, is a provider of communications services using fixed wireless technology in Georgia and other states.<sup>3</sup> Point Broadband is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Georgia and the Commission has authorized Point Broadband to receive \$4,241,074.70 in RDOF support for 2,000 locations in the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>4</sup>

Colquitt, a Georgia municipality in Miller County, currently provides broadband Internet access service to approximately 270 customers.<sup>5</sup> Colquitt does not have any 10% or greater owner nor is Colquitt affiliated with any other provider of domestic telecommunications services.<sup>6</sup> Applicants state

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR § 63.04.

<sup>2</sup> Domestic Section 214 Application for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC by City of Colquitt, Georgia, WC Docket No. 25-187 (filed May 30, 2025) (Application). Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other pending applications.

<sup>3</sup> Application at 3. Point Broadband and its affiliates offer domestic telecommunications services in Alabama, Michigan, New York, Tennessee, and Virginia and provide communications services in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Texas. *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 4; *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support Authorized for 466 Winning Bids*, AU, Public Notice, AU Docket No. 20-34; WC Docket Nos. 19-126 and 10-90, 36 FCC Rcd 13574, Attach. A at 19 (WCB 2021).

<sup>5</sup> Application at 4.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 21.

that Colquitt does not currently receive any high-cost Universal Service Fund support.<sup>7</sup> In connection with the proposed transaction, Colquitt is filing with the Georgia Public Service Commission an application for designation as an ETC for the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>8</sup>

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Colquitt will acquire certain assets Point Broadband acquired with RDOF support, as well as unexpended RDOF support, and the right to receive future RDOF support for the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>9</sup> Colquitt will also assume Point Broadband's RDOF obligations in the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>10</sup> Point Broadband has also agreed to provide Colquitt with its engineering plans, pole attachment rights, power, real property, and transport services that it has created for the Assigned Census Blocks, and to transfer customer accounts to Colquitt.<sup>11</sup>

Applicants assert that a grant of the application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>12</sup> Applicants state that Colquitt has both the necessary managerial and technical experience and requisite financial means to assume the responsibility of deploying RDOF-supported voice and broadband service in the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>13</sup> Applicants state that Colquitt has set aside dedicated capital to fund the costs of deploying the network facilities to provide RDOF-supported service in the Assigned Census Blocks and does not anticipate the need to borrow money or incur debt in order to meet the milestone and performance measurement standards.<sup>14</sup> Applicants further state that the proposed transaction will not result in any adverse alteration to the buildout plans Point Broadband submitted to the Commission for the Assigned Census Blocks as part of its long-form application to the Commission.<sup>15</sup> Colquitt commits to meeting the buildout milestones and performance obligations established for the Assigned Census Blocks, including the upcoming 60% buildout milestone.<sup>16</sup> Applicants assert that the proposed transaction will accelerate Colquitt's ongoing efforts to expand broadband service to unserved

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<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 12.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 2, n.2, 6, and 23.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* Point Broadband will retain a portion of the RDOF support it has received to date to cover its expenditures for the provision, maintenance, and upgrade of supported facilities and services, and will deliver to Colquitt at closing an agreed-upon sum to represent the remainder of those funds. *Id.* at 6. Applicants state that, following the consummation of the proposed transaction, Colquitt will be solely responsible for complying with Universal Service Fund requirements and Commission rules and will continue to assume all risks and consequences of noncompliance with program requirements, including default recovery of support and potential forfeiture penalties, in all supported areas. *Id.* at 7.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* Applicants state that they also entered into a Management Agreement pursuant to which Colquitt has assumed managerial responsibility over RDOF deployment in the Assigned Census Blocks, subject to Point Broadband's overall supervision and control. *Id.* at 6.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 8-11.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.* at 8. Applicants note that Colquitt already provides broadband service in the city and has relationships with vendors to assist with construction and operation of the supported network going forward. *Id.* Applicants state that Colquitt plans to add five towers to increase customer capacity and note that the addition of fixed wireless and a proposed fiber optic deployment covering about 160 miles creates the potential to accommodate an additional 2,300 to 3,000 customers throughout the region that includes the Assigned Census Blocks. *Id.* at 9.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 9-10. Applicants assert that Colquitt will offer new financial, managerial, technical resources, and operational efficiencies, therefore, consumers will be able to receive RDOF services in the Assigned Census Blocks more quickly. *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 10.

and underserved rural areas of Miller County, Georgia.<sup>17</sup> Applicants state that there will be no reduction in competition for domestic telecommunications service in the Assigned Census Blocks.<sup>18</sup>

Because the proposed transaction would involve the transfer and assumption of Universal Service Fund high-cost mechanism obligations, in order to analyze whether the proposed transaction would serve the public interest, we accept the Application for non-streamlined processing.<sup>19</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application for the Assignment of Certain Assets of Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC by City of Colquitt, Georgia, WC Docket No. 25-187 (filed May 30, 2025).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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

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- 2) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, [jim.bird@fcc.gov](mailto: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

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<sup>17</sup> *Id.*

<sup>18</sup> *Id.* at 10-11.

<sup>19</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

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.<sup>20</sup> 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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<sup>20</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).