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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
HUNTER COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGIES, LLC TO
HUNTER SUPER HOLDINGS, L.P.**

NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-351

Comments Due: February 25, 2026

Reply Comments Due: March 4, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Grain Communications Opportunity Fund II, L.P. (Grain), Hunter Communications & Technologies, LLC (Hunter), and Hunter Super Holdings, L.P. (Super Holdings) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.04 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules,¹ requesting Commission consent for the transfer of indirect control of Hunter to Super Holdings.²

Hunter, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to provide telecommunications services in California, Oregon, and Washington.³ Hunter is currently indirectly owned and controlled by Grain (70.39%).⁴

Super Holdings, a newly formed Delaware limited partnership and holding company, is primarily owned and controlled by funds and entities affiliated with Oak Hill Capital Management (Oak Hill), a private equity fund based in the United States.⁵ Applicants state that the equity in the Oak Hill funds is

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

² Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Hunter Communications & Technologies, LLC to Hunter Super Holdings, L.P., WC Docket No. 25-351 (filed Dec. 19, 2025) (Application). Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of wireless licenses. Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

³ Application at 2. Applicants state that Hunter focuses on constructing, operating, and leasing fiber networks and also provides dedicated access circuits, point-to-point connections, and other voice and data products to customers throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California. *Id.* Applicants state that Hunter currently receives Rural Digital Opportunity Fund support and participates in the Lifeline program. *Id.* at 8 and 13.

⁴ *Id.* at 2-3, 9, and Exh. A (Current Hunter Corporate Ownership Structure) at 1. Applicants provide further upstream ownership information on Grain as well as information on affiliates of Grain. See *id.* at 9-10.

⁵ *Id.* at 3. Applicants provide information on various providers of domestic telecommunications services that are affiliates of Super Holdings. Application at 10-13. Two affiliates of Super Holdings are transferees in separate domestic section 214 applications pending before the Commission. See *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Epic Touch Co., Inc. and Elkhart Telephone Company, Inc. to IdeaTek Telecom, LLC*, WC Docket No. 25-301, DA 26-45 (WCB, rel. Jan. 13, 2026); Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of
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held through passive limited (and insulated) partnership interests held by numerous, primarily U.S.-based investors, including individuals, trusts, institutions, and business entities, and that control of these funds ultimately rests in U.S. entities or citizens.⁶

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Hunter will be indirectly owned and controlled by Super Holdings and, ultimately, Oak Hill.⁷

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁸

No Referral to Executive Branch Agencies: The Commission determined in the *Executive Branch Review Process Order* that it would not routinely refer to the Executive Branch “standalone applications to transfer control of domestic section 214 authority.”⁹ The Commission, however, retains the discretion to refer a domestic-only section 214 transaction should it find that a particular application may raise national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, or trade policy concerns for which it would benefit from the advice of the Executive Branch.¹⁰ Applicants state that the Application involves the transfer of control of carriers that hold only domestic section 214 authority and that ownership and control of Super Holdings ultimately rests with U.S. citizens or entities.¹¹ Applicants therefore assert that, consistent with the decision in the *Executive Branch Review Process Order*, the Application does not require a referral to the Executive Branch.¹² We do not find any special circumstances that warrant referral of this Application to the Executive Branch agencies. While we are not referring the Application, we will provide a courtesy copy of this public notice to the Executive Branch agencies.¹³

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 treatment.¹⁴

Control of Holway Long Distance Company, Holway Telephone Company, KLM Long Distance Company, K.L.M. Telephone Company, and N.W. Communications Co., to Socket Holdings, LLC, WC Docket No. 25-352 (filed Dec. 22, 2025).

⁶ Application at 3. Following the consummation of the proposed transaction, Super Holdings will be wholly owned by OHCP Hunter Aggregator, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, which, in turn will be held by the following Delaware entities: (1) Oak Hill Capital Digital Opportunities Partners (Onshore), L.P. (OHDOP Onshore) (approximately 10.10% equity and voting); (2) OHDOP Hunter Onshore Blocker, LLC (OHDOP Onshore Blocker) (approximately 23.22% equity and voting); (3) OHCP VI Hunter Onshore Blocker, LLC (OHCP VI Onshore Blocker) (approximately 29.09% equity and voting); and Oak Hill Capital Partners VI (Onshore), L.P. (OHCP VI Onshore) (approximately 31.87% equity and voting). *Id.*, Exh. A at 2; Exh. C (Post-Transaction Ownership Structure) at 3-5. The general partner of Super Holdings will be OHCP Hunter GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. Ultimate ownership in these entities rests with the following three shareholders, each U.S. citizens owning equal shares: Scott A. Backer, Steven G. Puccinelli, and Tyler Wolfram. *Id.*, Exh. C at 8-10.

⁷ *Id.* at 3.

⁸ *Id.* at 3-6.

⁹ *Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership*, IB Docket No. 16-155, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 10927, 10936, para. 25 (2020) (*Executive Branch Review Process Order*).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Application at 18.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ See *Executive Branch Review Process Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 10941, para. 36 n.99; see also *id.* at 10939, para 30 n.81.

¹⁴ 47 CFR § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of
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WC Docket No. 25-351 (filed Dec. 19, 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).

- 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.
 - Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
 - Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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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; 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.¹⁵ 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, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1191.

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¹⁵ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).