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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
THE FASTWYRE LICENSEES FROM AMERICAN BROADBAND HOLDING COMPANY TO
CSM INTERMEDIATE II, LLC**

NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-353

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 American Broadband Holding Company (American Broadband) and CSM Intermediate II, LLC (CSM Intermediate) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.04 of the Federal Communication Commission's (Commission) rules,¹ requesting Commission consent to transfer control of American Broadband's wholly owned subsidiaries, Cameron Communications, L.L.C. (Cameron Communications), Cameron Telephone Company, L.L.C. (Cameron Telephone), Elizabeth Telephone Company, L.L.C. (Elizabeth Telephone), LBH, L.L.C. (LBH), Moundville Telephone Company, Inc. (Moundville Telephone), and MTC Long Distance, Inc. (MTC) (collectively, Fastwyre Licensees) to CSM Intermediate.²

American Broadband, a Delaware corporation, is an aggregator of several rural local exchange and broadband companies that serves customers under the brand name Fastwyre.³ The Fastwyre Licensees are indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of American Broadband and are directly owned through regional holding companies, Cameron Holdings of NC, Inc., (Cameron Holdings), a Delaware corporation, and ABAC Alabama Inc. (ABAC Alabama), a Delaware corporation.⁴

Cameron Communications, a Louisiana limited liability company and direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Cameron Holdings, provides intrastate telecommunications services throughout Louisiana and Texas, and resells intrastate, interstate, and international long distance toll services in the incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) and competitive LEC exchanges served by its directly, wholly-owned subsidiaries, Cameron Telephone, Elizabeth Telephone, and LBH.⁵ Cameron Communications also

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

² Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of the Fastwyre Licensees from American Broadband Holding Company to CSM Intermediate II, LLC, WC Docket No. 25-353 (filed Dec. 23, 2025) (Application). Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

³ Application at 2.

⁴ *Id.* at 3-4.

⁵ *Id.* at 4.

provides cable video services to customers in Louisiana and Texas.⁶ Cameron Telephone, a Louisiana limited liability company, is an incumbent LEC providing local exchange and exchange access services in Louisiana and Texas.⁷ Elizabeth Telephone, a Louisiana limited liability company, is an incumbent LEC providing local exchange telephone and exchange access services in Louisiana.⁸ Cameron Telephone and Elizabeth Telephone receive high-cost Universal Service Fund (USF) support in the form of Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM).⁹ LBH, a Louisiana limited liability company, provides local exchange, interexchange, and other telecommunications services as a competitive LEC in Louisiana.¹⁰

Moundville Telephone, an Alabama corporation, is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Moundville Communications, Inc. (Moundville Communications), an Alabama corporation, which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of ABAC Alabama.¹¹ Moundville Telephone operates as a rural, independent incumbent LEC in Hale and Tuscaloosa counties in Alabama providing voice and Internet services to residential and business customers.¹² Moundville Telephone receives high-cost USF support in the form of Enhanced A-CAM.¹³ MTC, an Alabama corporation and also a wholly-owned subsidiary of Moundville Communications, provides toll resale service to certain of Moundville Telephone's residential and business customers in rural portions of Hale and Tuscaloosa counties in Alabama.¹⁴

CSM Intermediate, a Delaware limited liability holding company, has been established to acquire the ownership interests in the Fastwyre Licensees and is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of CSM Holding Company, LLC (CSM Holding), a Delaware limited liability holding company.¹⁵ CSM Holding is majority owned and controlled directly by MIP VI Outlier, LLC (MIP VI Outlier), a Delaware limited liability company.¹⁶ MIP VI Outlier is indirectly owned by investment vehicles managed by and affiliated with Macquarie Infrastructure Partners Inc. (MIP Inc.), a Delaware corporation that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets Inc. (MIRA Inc.).¹⁷ MIP Inc. and MIRA Inc. are part of the Real Assets division of Macquarie Asset Management (MAM),¹⁸ a Delaware corporation and an operating group within Macquarie Group Limited (MGL), a publicly-traded

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.* Cameron Telephone and Elizabeth Telephone also participate in the Lifeline program and will continue to do so post-consummation of the transaction. *Id.* at 27.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 4-5.

¹¹ *Id.* at 5.

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.* Moundville Telephone also participates in the Lifeline program and will continue to do so post-consummation of the transaction. *Id.* at 27.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 5.

¹⁵ *Id.* at 5-6.

¹⁶ *Id.* at 6, Exh. A. (Post-Closing Organizational Chart – Part 2). MIP VI Outlier has a 57.35% direct equity interest in CSM Holding and 50% direct voting interest via the right to appoint four of eight members of CSM Holding. *Id.* at 17.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 6, Exh. A. (Part 2), Exh. C (Post-Closing Indirect Interests in the Fastwyre Licensees Held by MIP VI Outlier).

¹⁸ *See id.* at 20 n.16 (explaining that “MAM acts independently of other MGL businesses and has separate sources of funds. . . . and thus, it does not have, and will not have, access to information or any control over the operations of any interests that may be held by operating groups within MGL other than MAM”).

diversified financial group incorporated in Australia.¹⁹ The remaining minority interest in CSM Holding is directly held by Hunt Group Holdings, LLC (Hunt Group), a Louisiana limited liability company.²⁰ Applicants state that CSM Intermediate is affiliated²¹ with various providers of domestic communications and telecommunications services including CableSouth Media III, LLC d/b/a Swyft Fiber (CableSouth),²² Bluebird Network, LLC (Bluebird)²³ and Cincinnati Bell Inc. d/b/a altafiber (Cincinnati Bell).²⁴ Applicants state that CSM Intermediates' affiliates receive high-cost Universal Service Fund support as follows: 1) CableSouth receives Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi; 2) three of Cincinnati Bell's subsidiaries receive Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II and/or RDOF support—CBET receives CAF Phase II support in Ohio, CBT receives CAF Phase II support in Kentucky and Ohio and RDOF support in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, and HTI receives CAF Phase II and RDOF support in Hawaii.²⁵

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, American Broadband, Cameron Holdings, ABAC Alabama, and CSM Intermediate, among others, entered into an interest purchase agreement pursuant to which CSM Intermediate will acquire 100% of the interests in Cameron Holdings and ABAC Alabama, and therefore, indirect ownership and control of their respective subsidiaries, the Fastwyre

¹⁹ *Id.* at 6, Exh. A. (Part 2), Exh. C (Post-Closing Indirect Interests in the Fastwyre Licensees Held by MIP VI Outlier).

²⁰ *Id.* at 6, Exh. A. (Part 1), Exh. B (Post-Closing Indirect Interests in the Fastwyre Licensees Held by Hunt Group). Hunt Group has a 42.65% direct equity interest in CSM Holding and 50% direct voting interest via the right to appoint four of eight members of CSM Holding. *Id.* at 17.

²¹ *See id.* at 20 n.16 (noting the “affiliates of CSM Intermediate that are authorized to provide domestic telecommunications services and identified here are limited to such entities within MAM, and do not include other carrier entities that may ultimately be owned and/or controlled by MGL”).

²² *Id.* at 6, 20. CableSouth provides broadband, VoIP, and video services to end-user customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. *Id.* at 20. CableSouth's fiber network in Louisiana includes portions of Allen and Vernon Parishes, in which it has limited overlaps with certain Fastwyre Licensee territories. *Id.* at 11 n.15 (noting the “companies' service areas are adjacent in a portion of Rapides Parish, and could have de minimis overlaps”), 20.

²³ *Id.* at 20-21. Bluebird, which is owned by a fund managed by MIP Inc., provides domestic telecommunications through: 1) Missouri Network Alliance, LLC d/b/a Bluebird Network (MNA), provider of transport and Internet services to wholesale and enterprise customers in Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, as well as a provider tandem switching and transport services for interexchange carriers in Missouri pursuant to interstate and intrastate tariffs; 2) Illinois Network Alliance, LLC, a provider of transport and Internet access services to wholesale customers in Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee; and 3) PEG Bandwidth IL, LLC, a provider of competitive interexchange services in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri. *Id.* Applicants note that an affiliate of MNA, Bluebird Midwest, LLC, expects to acquire assets under which it may operate under domestic section 214 authority and would provide broadband Internet, voice, and data services to small and medium-sized and enterprise businesses, as well as carrier, government, and other non-residential customers in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. *Id.* at 21 n.17 (citing *Domestic Section 214 Application Granted for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Everstream Solutions LLC, Debtor-in-Possession, Everstream GLC Holding Company, Lynx Network Group, Inc., Debtor-in-Possession, and HRS Internet, LLC, Debtor-in-Possession by Bluebird Midwest, LLC*, WC Docket No. 25-245, Public Notice, DA 25-978 (rel. Nov. 21, 2025)).

²⁴ *Id.* at 21. MIP VI Outlier is affiliated with Red Fiber Parent, LLC, which is majority-owned by an investment vehicle managed by MIP Inc. *Id.* Red Fiber Parent, LLC owns Cincinnati Bell, which, through its subsidiaries, provides telecommunications services to residential and business customers through the following entities: 1) Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC (CBT), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) providing service in portions of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana; 2) Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET), a competitive LEC providing service in Ohio in areas outside CBT's territory, which also holds authorization but does not currently provide competitive LEC and interexchange service throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana; 3) Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. (HTI), an incumbent LEC in Hawaii; and 4) Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc., a provider of interstate and intrastate long distance, wireless, and other communications services in Hawaii. *Id.* at 21-22.

²⁵ *Id.* at 25.

Licensees.²⁶ Applicants state that, as a result of the proposed transaction, the Fastwyre Licensees will be indirectly owned and controlled by CSM Intermediate.²⁷

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²⁸ 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.²⁹

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.”³⁰ 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.³¹ Applicants state that the Application involves the transfer of control of assets and customers of the Licensees that involve only domestic section 214 authority and that, consistent with the decision in the *Executive Branch Review Process Order*, the Application does not require a referral to the Executive Branch.³² 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.³³

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of the Fastwyre Licensees from American Broadband Holding Company to CSM Intermediate II, LLC, WC Docket No. 25-353 (filed Dec. 23, 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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²⁶ *Id.* at 7.

²⁷ *Id.* Applicants note that prior to the closing of the proposed transaction, each of the acquired entities that are currently organized as corporations—namely, Cameron Holdings, ABAC Alabama, Moundville Communications, Moundville Telephone and MTC—will be converted to limited liability companies. *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.* at 8-12.

²⁹ 47 CFR § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

³⁰ *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*).

³¹ *Id.*

³² Application at 23-24.

³³ See *Executive Branch Review Process Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 10941, para. 36 n.99; see also *id.* at 10939, para. 30 n.81.

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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.³⁴ 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

³⁴ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).

disregarded by the Commission.

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