



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF VELOCITY FIBER LLC BY VERO FIBER NETWORKS, LLC

### NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 26-30

Comments Due: March 17, 2026

Reply Comments Due: March 24, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Velocity Fiber LLC (Velocity Fiber) and Vero Fiber Networks, LLC (Vero Fiber) (together, 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,<sup>1</sup> requesting Commission approval for the acquisition of certain assets of Velocity Fiber by Vero Fiber.<sup>2</sup>

Velocity Fiber, a Kansas limited liability company, is authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Pennsylvania.<sup>3</sup>

Vero Fiber, a Colorado limited liability company, is authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services in 31 states.<sup>4</sup> Vero Fiber is wholly owned by VFN Holdings, Inc., a Delaware limited liability company.<sup>5</sup>

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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 Velocity Fiber LLC by Vero Fiber Networks, LLC, WC Docket No. 26-30 (filed Feb. 5, 2026) (Application). Any action on the application that is the subject of this Public Notice is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>3</sup> Application at 2. Applicants state that Velocity Fiber offers lit and dark fiber solutions by constructing and operating brand-new aerial and underground fiber networks. *Id.* at 2. According to the Applicants, Velocity Fiber's focus is designing, constructing and operating robust fiber Wide Area Networks (WANs) serving broadband intensive K-12 school districts. *Id.* Applicants state that Velocity Fiber filed an application to surrender its Certificate of Convenience in Kansas on January 13, 2026, but has not yet received approval. *Id.* at n.1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 2. The 31 states where Vero Fiber are authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services are the following states: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 7. Applicants provide upstream ownership information on entities, trusts, and individuals (each established in the United States or are U.S. citizens) that will, post-consummation, hold a 10% or greater interest in VFN Holdings. *Id.* at 7-10; see also *id.*, Exh. A, Chart 2 (Post-Transaction Ownership Structure of Vero Fiber Networks, LLC) at 1-2. We note that another wholly-owned subsidiary of VFN Holdings, Vero Broadband, LLC (Vero

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Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Vero Fiber will acquire substantially all of the assets of Velocity Fiber.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, Vero Fiber will acquire Velocity Fiber's network assets, including its fiber optic network, cabling and telecommunications equipment used to provide services on or over the network; unregulated assets; contracts related to those assets; and customer accounts and related contracts.<sup>7</sup>

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>8</sup> 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.<sup>9</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Velocity Fiber LLC by Vero Fiber Networks, LLC, WC Docket No. 26-30 (filed Feb. 5, 2026).

### **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.**
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Broadband), is the transferee in a pending domestic 214 application with the Commission that seeks to transfer the control of incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs), competitive LECs, and a long distance carrier to Vero Broadband. *See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Bay Springs Telephone Co., Inc., Crockett Telephone Co., Inc., National Telephone of Alabama, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company, Roanoke Long Distance, Inc., Roanoke Telephone Co., Inc., TEC of Jackson, Inc., and West Tennessee Telephone Co., Inc. from Telephone Electronics Corporation to Vero Broadband, LLC, WC Docket No. 25-342, Public Notice, DA-25-1056 (WCB, rel. Dec. 12, 2025).*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 3.

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

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 4-7.

<sup>9</sup> 47 CFR §63.03(c)(1)(v).

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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).

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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.<sup>10</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.

For further information, please contact Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1191.

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<sup>10</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).