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

### WC Docket No. 25-351

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants 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,<sup>1</sup> requesting Commission consent for the transfer of indirect control of Hunter to Super Holdings.<sup>2</sup>

On February 11, 2026, the Bureau released a public notice seeking comment on the Application.<sup>3</sup> We did not receive comments or petitions in opposition to the Application.

Hunter, a Delaware limited liability company, is authorized to provide telecommunications services in California, Oregon, and Washington.<sup>4</sup> Hunter is currently indirectly owned and controlled by Grain (70.39%).<sup>5</sup> Hunter receives Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Support in California and Oregon.<sup>6</sup>

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

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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 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.

<sup>3</sup> *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Hunter Communications & Technologies, LLC to Hunter Super Holdings, L.P.*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 25-351 (WCB 2026).

<sup>4</sup> 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 participates in the Lifeline program. *Id.* at 8 and 13.

<sup>5</sup> *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.

<sup>6</sup> Application at 14; *Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support Authorized for 1,345 Winning Bids*, AU Docket No. 20-34, WC Docket Nos. 19-126 & 10-90, Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 7271 (AU/WCB 2022) (authorizing Hunter to receive \$13,671,178.30 to serve 4,138 locations in Oregon and \$5,475,647.80 to serve 1,620 locations in California).

private equity fund based in the United States.<sup>7</sup> Applicants state that the equity in the Oak Hill funds is 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.<sup>8</sup>

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Hunter will be indirectly owned and controlled by Super Holdings and, ultimately, Oak Hill.<sup>9</sup>

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>10</sup> Applicants state that, except for the enhanced management and financial resources that will become available to Hunter through Super Holdings and its owners following the proposed transaction, there will be no changes to management, technology, or debt associated with Hunter's RDOF funding that would compromise Hunter's ability to meet its service obligations, or Hunter's other responsibilities as an ETC designee in California and Oregon or under the Commission's rules and the Communications Act.<sup>11</sup> Applicants further state that the proposed transaction will have no adverse impact on the customers or operations of Hunter nor result in service disruption, contract termination, or customer confusion.<sup>12</sup> Following the consummation of the proposed transaction, Applicants state that Hunter plans to continue to provide its services at the same rates, terms, and conditions, as governed by existing contracts, as applicable, without changes to service offerings, billing or other aspects of service to current customers.<sup>13</sup> Finally, Applicants state that Super Holdings expects that the key existing management personnel of Hunter will continue with Hunter post-Transaction and that the managerial, technical and operational standards of Hunter will be maintained and further enhanced by the substantial expertise of Oak Hill.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 3. Applicants provide information on various providers of domestic telecommunications services that are affiliates of Super Holdings. Application at 10-13. One affiliate of Super Holdings is a transferee in a separate domestic section 214 application pending before the Commission. *See* Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of 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).

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 3. This transaction does not involve Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric locations where one party to the transaction receives high-cost support and the other party to the transaction already makes fixed broadband service available at 100/20 Mbps or greater.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 3-6.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* We note that Hunter may ultimately become affiliated with a cost company that receives Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support (CAF-BLS) and High Cost Loop (HCL) support (Elkhart Telephone Company (Elkhart)) through its affiliation with Oak Hill, which has various affiliates that receive fixed forms of support authorized through the Connect American Fund (CAF) Phase II Auction, RDOF, and Enhanced Alternative Connect America Fund (Enhanced A-CAM). *Domestic 214 Application Granted for the Transfer of Control of Epic Touch*

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### Grant of Application

We find, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>15</sup>

Therefore, pursuant to section 214 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, 63.03, and 63.04 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, 63.03, and 63.04, the Bureau hereby grants the Application discussed in this Public Notice, subject to Applicants' compliance with all applicable obligations.

Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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*Co., Inc. and Elkhart Telephone Company, Inc. to IdeaTek Telecom, LLC*, WC Docket No. 25-301, Public Notice, DA 26-246 (WCB Mar. 16, 2026). This affiliation could give rise anew to potential transaction-specific harms arising from the combined entities' ability and incentives, post-transaction, to shift costs from its fixed support affiliates to affiliates receiving support on a cost basis, thus justifying the imposition of the Hargray/ComSouth condition. See *Joint Application of W. Mansfield Jennings Limited Partnership and Hargray Communications Group, Inc. for Consent to the Transfer of Control of ComSouth Corporation Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934*, WC Docket No. 18-52, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 33 FCC Rcd 4780, 4789, para. 27 (2018) (directing the Bureau to, in most instances, condition approval of these transactions on the imposition of a cap, for a period of seven years from the consummation of the transaction, on cost affiliates' recoverable operating costs to prevent the combined entity from receiving "additional or inflated universal service support merely because of cost accounting that shifts costs"). Based on Applicants' assertions in the record, however, and consistent with Commission precedent, we find that the kind of transaction-specific harm intended to be mitigated by this condition is not implicated by *this* transaction because Applicants have demonstrated that improper cost shifting by and between Hunter and Elkhart is unlikely to occur. Application at 16 (stating that "Elkhart has (i) a management team that is entirely separate from management who controls and oversees [Hunter's] day-to-day operations; (ii) separate personnel from [Hunter]; (iii) separate telecommunications networks from [Hunter], and (iv) separate resources from [Hunter]"); *Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of Lavaca Telephone Company, Inc. to Dobson Technologies Inc.*, Order on Reconsideration, WC Docket No. 20-389, 36 FCC Rcd 8859, 8864, para. 14 (2021) (*Dobson Order on Reconsideration*) (stating that the Bureau should "exclude specific affiliates in a mixed support transaction from the [HargrayComSouth condition] if no potential public interest harm could occur because of the lack of majority control and common costs, cost sharing, and/or consolidation of financial accounts"). Accordingly, we exercise our discretion not to apply this condition *anew* to the combined entity pursuant to the proposed transaction.

<sup>15</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR § 63.03.