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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CLEARWAVE FIBER LLC TO POINT BROADBAND HOLDINGS, LLC

WC Docket No. 26-14

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants, pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.04 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.04, the domestic section 214 wireline application (Application) listed in this notice.¹ On March 16, 2026, the Bureau released a public notice requesting comment on the Application.² No comments were filed in opposition to a grant of the Application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and therefore grants the requested authorizations.³ Pursuant to

¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of Clearwave Fiber LLC to Point Broadband Holdings, LLC, WC Docket No. 26-14 (filed Jan. 16, 2026) (Application) (requesting approval for the transfer of control of Clearwave Fiber to PB Holdings).

² *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Clearwave Fiber LLC to Point Broadband Holdings, LLC*, WC Docket No. 26-14, Public Notice, DA 26-247 (WCB Mar. 16, 2026) (*Public Notice*). Applicants filed supplements to their Application on March 3, 2026, identifying ownership entities and equity and attributed voting interests, and on April 23, 2026, identifying Universal Service Fund support for study areas of Cable One, LLC, a Clearwave affiliate and post-transaction minority owner of Point Broadband. See Letter from Matthew DelNero, et al., Counsel for PB Holdings, and Matthew Brill, et al., Counsel for Clearwave, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 26-14 (filed Mar. 3, 2026); Letter from Matthew DelNero, et al., Counsel for PB Holdings, and Matthew Brill, et al., Counsel for Clearwave, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 26-14 (filed Apr. 23, 2026) (Apr. 23 Supplement).

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a). Applicants state that Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC is a recipient of Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Auction support for locations in Alabama, Georgia, New York, Michigan, and Virginia, and that through its subsidiary, Sunset Digital Communications, LLC, it is also authorized to receive Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II support in Tennessee and Virginia (specifically CAF Phase II auction). See Application at 6; and Apr. 23 Supplement at 2. Applicants attest that “As part of its commitment to good stewardship of high cost universal service funds, Point Broadband commits—on a pro rata basis—to return previously disbursed RDOF or CAF II funding and to relinquish any additional RDOF or CAF II funding payments for any Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric location where one party to the transaction receives RDOF or CAF II support and the other party to the transaction makes fixed broadband service available at speeds of 100/20 Mbps or greater.” See Apr. 23 Supplement at 2. We accept this commitment as firm and definite and expect that it will help ensure that the post-transaction company and affiliates will continue to deliver high quality broadband service to rural Americans while avoiding potentially inefficient use of universal service support. See also Application at 8 (“Clearwave will continue to comply with any remaining regulatory obligations that may continue to exist based on its prior participation in the [Rural Broadband Experiments] RBE program. In addition, Transferee Point Broadband and its subsidiary, Sunset Digital, will remain responsible for all obligations for deployment, operations, maintenance and compliance for USF funding under CAF II and RDOF.”). See also *Domestic Section 214 Application Granted for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Delta Communications, L.L.C. D/B/A Clearwave Fiber* (continued....)

section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the 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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