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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF EPIC TOUCH CO., INC. AND ELKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. TO IDEATEK TELECOM, LLC

NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 25-301

Comments Due: January 27, 2026

Reply Comments Due: February 3, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by the Bob Boaldin Revocable Trust, Dian Boaldin Revocable Trust, Bob Boaldin Irrevocable Epic Trust, and Dian Boaldin Irrevocable Epic Trust (collectively, the Trusts) and IdeaTek Telecom, LLC (IdeaTek, together with the Trusts, 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 consent for the transfer of control of Epic Touch Co., Inc. (Epic Touch) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Elkhart Telephone Company, Inc. (Elkhart), from the Trusts to IdeaTek.²

The Trusts, all organized under the laws of Alaska, wholly own Epic Touch, a Kansas corporation and holding company that does not provide domestic telecommunications services.³ Epic Touch wholly owns Elkhart, also a Kansas corporation, that provides service as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) in and around the community of Elkhart, Kansas, which also includes a small portion of northwest Oklahoma.⁴

IdeaTek, a Kansas limited liability company, provides interstate and intrastate local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services, along with broadband services, to residences and businesses

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

² Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of Epic Touch Co., Inc. and Elkhart Telephone Company to IdeaTek, WC Docket No. 25-301 (filed Sept. 29, 2025) (Application). On December 18, 2025, Applicants filed a supplement to the Application. Letter from Stephen E. Coran, Counsel for IdeaTek Telecom, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 25-301 (filed Dec. 18, 2025) (Supplement). Any action on the domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related applications.

³ Application at 2.

⁴ *Id.* Applicants state that Elkhart is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) and that it receives Connect America Fund-Broadband Loop Support (CAF-BLS) and High-Cost Loop Support. *Id.* at 2 and 9; see also *id.* at 14; Supplement at 1 (Elkhart also provides service in Oklahoma). Applicants state that, due to the de minimis area served, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission does not regulate Elkhart's services, and neither Epic Touch nor Elkhart receives high-cost support for any area of Oklahoma. Supplement at 1.

in rural Kansas and Missouri, via fiber optic and fixed wireless technologies.⁵ IdeaTek is directly, wholly owned by IdeaTek Holdings, LLC (IT Holdings), a Kansas limited liability and holding company, which, in turn, is directly wholly owned by LDI, a Delaware limited liability company and investment fund.⁶ LDI is indirectly and wholly owned by Last Dance Holdings, L.P. (Last Dance Holdings), a Delaware limited partnership and investment fund.⁷ Last Dance Holdings is primarily owned and controlled by funds and entities affiliated with Oak Hill Capital Management (Oak Hill)⁸ and Pamlico Capital Management (Pamlico), which are private equity funds based in the United States.⁹ Applicants state that the equity in the Oak Hill and Pamlico 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.-organized entities or citizens.¹⁰

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, IdeaTek will acquire all of the outstanding voting and equity interests in Epic Touch, and thus all of the outstanding voting and equity interests of the Trusts. Applicants assert, upon consummation of the proposed transaction, Elkhart will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of IdeaTek and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Last Dance Intermediate III, LLC (LDI), a Delaware limited liability company, that is primarily owned and controlled by funds and entities affiliated with Oak Hill and Pamlico.¹¹

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹²

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

⁵ Applicants state that IdeaTek operates primarily in Kansas, where it is authorized to provide local exchange and interexchange services and is designated as an ETC. *Id.* at 3. IdeaTek is also authorized to provide local exchange, interexchange, and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol services in Missouri. *Id.* IdeaTek also holds approximately 75 wireless non-common carrier licenses issued by the Commission. *Id.* Applicants state that IdeaTek currently receives CAF Phase II, and Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) support. *Id.* at 3-4 and 9.

⁶ *Id.* at 13.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ Application at 13; *see also* Supplement (Revised Current Ownership Structure of IdeaTek Telecom, LLC) at 2; Application, Exh. B (Post-Transaction Ownership Structure) at 5-6. Applicants provide information on various providers of domestic telecommunications services that are affiliates of Last Dance Holdings and Oak Hill. Application at 13-16.

⁹ *Id.* at 13.

¹⁰ *Id.* Following the consummation of the proposed transaction, the following Delaware entities and U.S. citizens will hold a 10% or greater interest in Last Dance Holdings: (1) OHDOP Last Dance Aggregator, L.P. (OHDOP Last Dance Aggregator) (approximately 41.03% equity and voting); (2) Pamlico Last Dance Aggregator, L.P. (Pamlico Last Dance Aggregator) (approximately 32.24% equity and voting); and (3) George A. Pfenenger (approximately 12.82% equity and voting). Supplement (Revised Current Ownership Structure of IdeaTek Telecom, LLC) at 4. The general partner of Last Dance Holdings will be Last Dance Holdings GP, LLC, in which OHDOP Last Dance Aggregator and Pamlico Last Dance Aggregator will each hold 50% of the voting and equity interest. *Id.* OHDOP Last Dance Aggregator is ultimately held by Scott A. Baker, Brian N. Cherry, Benjamin Diesbach, Stratton R. Heath, III, John R. Monsky, Steven G. Puccinelli, and Tyler J. Wolfman, each of whom are U.S. citizens. Application, Exh. B at 9. Pamlico Last Dance Aggregator is ultimately held by Scott B. Perper, L. Watts Hamrick III, Frederick W. Eubank II, Arthur C. Roselle, Scott R. Stevens, Walker C. Simmons, and Eric J. Wilkins, each U.S. citizens. *Id.*, Exh. B at 10.

¹¹ Application at 4. Applicants state that, in addition to the transfer of control and in connection with the proposed transaction, Elkhart will convert to a Kansas limited liability company immediately before closing, and Epic Touch will convert to a Delaware limited liability company immediately after closing. *Id.* at 1-2.

¹² *Id.* at 5-8.

applications to transfer control of domestic section 214 authority.”¹³ 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.¹⁴ 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 IdeaTek ultimately rests with U.S. citizens or entities.¹⁵ 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.¹⁶ 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.¹⁷

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.¹⁸

Domestic Section 214 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 (filed Sept. 29, 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.

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¹³ *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*).

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ Application at 20.

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ See *Executive Branch Review Process Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 10941, para. 36 n.99; see also *id.* at 10939, para 30 n.81.

¹⁸ 47 CFR §63.03(c)(1)(v).

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- 2) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, 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.¹⁹ 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.

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¹⁹ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).