



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**DA 26-492**

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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF EXTENET TELECOM SOLUTIONS, INC. BY PILOT FIBER, INC.**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 26-75**

**Comments Due: May 29, 2026**

**Reply Comments Due: June 5, 2026**

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by ExteNet Telecom Solutions, Inc. (ETSI) and Pilot Fiber, Inc. (Pilot) (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 ETSI by Pilot and its subsidiaries.<sup>2</sup>

ETSI, a New Jersey corporation, provides telecommunications services primarily in Illinois, New Jersey and New York, but also provides service in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington.<sup>3</sup> ETSI is authorized to provide competitive local exchange, private line, and/or interexchange services in the District of Columbia, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.<sup>4</sup>

Pilot, a Delaware corporation, provides interstate telecommunications in the District of Columbia, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.<sup>5</sup> Pilot's customers are primarily located in the New

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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 ExteNet Telecom Solutions, Inc. by Pilot Fiber, Inc., WC Docket No. 26-75 (filed Mar. 31, 2026) (Application). On April 29, 2026, Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 application. Letter from Joseph A. Godles, Counsel for Pilot Fiber, Inc., and Ronald W. DelSesto, Counsel for ExteNet Telecom Solutions, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 26-75 (filed Apr. 29, 2026) (Supplement). Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of international authorizations. Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>3</sup> Application at 11. Applicants provide ownership information of ETSI. See Application at 2-3; Supplement, Exh. 1 (Ownership Structure of ETSI) at 1-2.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 12. Applicants provide post-transaction ownership information of Pilot. See Application at 7-9; Supplement, Exh. 2 (Ownership Structure of Pilot) at 1. Applicants state that, other than what is disclosed in the Application,

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York City metro area.<sup>6</sup> Pilot's only subsidiaries, Pilot Fiber NJ LLC (Pilot Fiber NJ) and Pilot Fiber NY LLC (Pilot Fiber NY) (together, the Pilot Subsidiaries), are authorized to provide intrastate telecommunications services in New Jersey and New York, respectively.<sup>7</sup>

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, ETSI will assign to Pilot and the Pilot Subsidiaries, substantially all of its contracts and related network assets, including customer accounts and contracts, fiber, and other telecommunications equipment.<sup>8</sup> ETSI will assign customers that receive interstate and international telecommunications services, along with associated network assets, to Pilot, while customers receiving intrastate telecommunications services, along with associated network assets, will be assigned to the Pilot Subsidiaries.<sup>9</sup>

Applicants assert that grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>10</sup> We accept the Application for streamlined processing under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules.<sup>11</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of  
ExteNet Telecom Solutions, Inc. by Pilot Fiber, Inc, WC Docket No. 26-75 (filed Mar. 31, 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).

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- 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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none of the upstream ownership entities nor individuals that hold a 10% or greater interest in Pilot, also hold a 10% or greater interest in any other provider of domestic telecommunications services. Supplement at 1.

<sup>6</sup> Application at 12.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* Applicants state that there are no other subsidiaries of Pilot, other than Pilot Fiber NJ and Pilot Fiber NY. Supplement at 1.

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

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 4-5.

<sup>11</sup> 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

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**In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:**

- 1) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, [gregory.kwan@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.kwan@fcc.gov);
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- 3) 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>12</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>12</sup> See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).