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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF SPECTROTEL ULTIMATE HOLDINGS, LLC TO SPECTRUM AGGREGATOR, LP

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 26-103

Comments Due: July 27, 2026

Reply Comments Due: August 3, 2026

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on the application¹ filed by Spectrotel Ultimate Holdings, LLC (Spectrotel Ultimate), AireSpring, Inc. (AireSpring), Spectrum Aggregator, LP (Spectrum Aggregator), Spectrotel Services, LLC (Spectrotel Services), and Mosaic NetworX, LLC (Mosaic and, together with Spectrotel Services, the Spectrotel Licensees and, together with AireSpring, Licensees, collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and section 63.04 of the Commission's rules,² requesting consent to transfer control of AireSpring to Spectrotel Ultimate and concurrently Spectrotel Ultimate to Spectrum Aggregator, resulting in the Licensees being transferred to Spectrum Aggregator.

AireSpring, a Delaware corporation, is a non-facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) and interexchange carrier (IXC) that provides resold voice and other communications services to business customers across the United States and Canada.³

Spectrotel Ultimate, a Delaware holding company, which indirectly wholly owns the Spectrotel Licensees, is managed by Grain Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.⁴ Spectrotel

¹ Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Spectrotel Ultimate Holdings, LLC to Spectrum Aggregator, LP, WC Docket No. 26-103 (filed May 1, 2026) (Application). Applicants filed supplements to the Application on June 24, 2026 and July 2, 2026. Letter from Matthew A. Brill and Michael H. Herman, Counsel for Spectrotel Ultimate, and Lance J.M. Steinhart, Counsel for AireSpring, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket 26-103 (filed June 24, 2026) (June Supplement); Letter from Matthew A. Brill and Michael H. Herman, Counsel for Spectrotel Ultimate, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket 26-103 (filed July 2, 2026) (July Supplement). Applicants also filed applications for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on the Application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR § 63.04.

³ Application at 4. AireSpring is authorized to provide telecommunications services in every state, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico. *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 4, 11, Exh. C (Existing Ownership of the Spectrotel Licensees); June Supplement at Amended Exh. B (Pre- and Post Transaction Organizational Charts). Grain Management manages private equity funds that own entities that are authorized in various states to provide domestic and international telecommunications services. Application at 4-6.

Ultimate is ultimately controlled by David J. Grain, a U.S. citizen.⁵

Spectrotel Services, a Delaware limited liability company, is a non-facilities-based competitive LEC and IXC that provides resold voice and business data services to business customers across the United States.⁶

Mosaic, a Delaware limited liability company, provides domestic, interstate telecommunications services, specifically, business data services on a common carrier basis, and other communications services to business customers in the United States and select foreign countries.⁷

Spectrum Aggregator, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, is managed by Charlesbank Capital Partners, LLC (Charlesbank), a private investment firm.⁸ For more detailed ownership information, please refer to the Application.⁹

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Spectrotel Intermediate Holdings, LLC, a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrotel Ultimate, will acquire all of the outstanding equity and voting interests in AireSpring.¹⁰ AireSpring will become an affiliate of the Spectrotel Licensees.¹¹ Concurrently, Spectrum Aggregator will acquire a majority of the outstanding equity and voting interests in Spectrotel Ultimate, of which the Spectrotel Licensees currently are subsidiaries.¹² As a result of the transaction, AireSpring and the Spectrotel Licensees will become affiliated and subject to the ultimate control of Charlesbank, with an affiliate of Grain Management holding a minority interest indirectly in the Spectrotel Licensees and AireSpring.¹³ For more detailed post-transaction ownership information, please refer to the Application.¹⁴

Applicants assert that a grant of the Application would serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.¹⁵ We accept the Application for streamlined processing under section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) of the Commission's rules.¹⁶

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Spectrotel Ultimate Holdings, LLC to Spectrum Aggregator, LP, WC Docket No. 26-103 (filed May 1, 2026).

⁵ For more detailed ownership information, please refer to the Application and June Supplement. Application at Exh. C; June Supplement at Amended Exh. B.

⁶ Application at 3. Spectrotel Services, through various operating subsidiaries, is authorized to provide telecommunications services in every state (including Washington, DC) except Alaska and Hawaii. *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*; July Supplement at 1.

⁸ Application at 6.

⁹ *Id.* at Exh. C; June Supplement at Amended Exh. B.

¹⁰ Application at 6. As part of the transaction, AireSpring will undertake an internal restructuring and also will convert from a corporation to a limited liability company. *See id.* at n.10.

¹¹ *Id.* at 6.

¹² *Id.* at 6-7.

¹³ *Id.* at 2, 7.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 14-22; June Supplement at Amended Exh. B.

¹⁵ Application at 7-9.

¹⁶ 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(1)(ii).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer 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. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, interested parties must file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

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- 2) Svantje Swider, Office of International Affairs, svantje.swider@fcc.gov; and
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 CFR § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

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.¹⁷ 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 Megan Danner, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1151.

¹⁷ See 47 CFR § 1.45(c).