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## Streamlined International Applications Accepted For Filing Section 214 Applications (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.18, 63.24); Section 310(b) Petitions (47 C.F.R. § 1.5000)

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The international Section 214 applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. These applications are for authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), to transfer control of an authorized carrier or to assign a carrier's existing authorization; and/or (b) to become a facilities-based international common carrier; and/or (c) to become a resale-based international common carrier.

Pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, these Section 214 applications will be granted 14 days after the date of this public notice (see 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 regarding computation of time), and the applicant may commence operations on the 15th day, unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing, within 14 days after the date of this public notice, that the application, on further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing. Pursuant to Section 1.1910(b)(2) of the rules, action will be withheld on any application by any entity found to be delinquent in its debts to the Commission. Applicants should check the Red Light Display System's website at www.fcc.gov/redlight to determine if they are delinquent in a debt to the Commission and for information on how to pay the debt.

Communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. An application can be removed from streamlined processing only in the sound discretion of Commission staff. The filing of comments or a petition to deny will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

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We request that comments on any of these applications refer to the application file number shown below.

ITC-ASG-20210326-00054 E T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Assignment

Current Licensee: Shentel Communications, LLC

FROM: Shentel Communications, LLC

TO: T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Application filed for consent to the assignment of assets from Shentel Communications, LLC (Shentel) to T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile). The proposed assignment is an outgrowth of the merger of T-Mobile and Sprint Corporation, which closed on April 1, 2020. Since 1999, Shentel has operated under a Sprint-branded affiliation arrangement relating to the provision of wireless mobility communications in the Shentel service area. Pursuant to that arrangement, the consummation of the T-Mobile/Sprint merger and the commencement of the integration of their respective businesses in the Shentel service area triggered a right for Sprint (now T-Mobile) to elect to purchase Shentel's mobile wireless operating assets, including customers. On August 26, 2020, T-Mobile exercised its right to purchase the Shentel wireless operating assets, including its mobile wireless customer base, and the parties have entered into a letter of intent to effect the transaction. T-Mobile will provide international service to the customers it will acquire pursuant to its existing global resale international section 214 authorizations: ITC-214-20061004-00452; ITC-214-19960930-00473, ITC-214-20120301-00067 and ITC-214-20011116-00601. Shentel will continue to provide international service and will retain is international section 214 authorization, ITC-214-19970721-00420.

T-Mobile, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile US, Inc. (T-Mobile US). Deutsche Telekom Holding B.V. (DT Holding), a Netherlands corporation, holds an approximately 43% direct equity and voting interest in T-Mobile US. DT Holding is a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile Global Holding GmbH, which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom AG (DT), both German corporations. DT has de facto control of T-Mobile US and T-Mobile as a result of a proxy agreement which authorizes DT to vote a majority of the stock of T-Mobile US.

Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW), a bank controlled by the German government and federal states, holds approximately 17% of the ownership interests of DT. Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) directly holds approximately 15% of the ownership interests of DT. FRG also directly holds approximately 80 percent of the ownership interests in KfW and thus FRG is deemed to hold approximately 32% of DT. According to the Applicants, no other individual or entity holds a direct or indirect 10% or greater equity or voting interest in T-Mobile.

T-Mobile is affiliated with a foreign carrier with market power on the foreign end of the U.S.-Croatia, U.S.-Germany, U.S.-Greece, U.S.-Hungary, U.S.-Macedonia, U.S.-Montenegro, U.S.-Romania, and U.S.-Slovakia routes and agrees to comply with the dominant carrier safeguards in section 63.10 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.10, on these routes.

In the Executive Branch Review Process Order, the Commission set out categories of applications with reportable foreign ownership that may be excluded from referral to the Executive Branch for review for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues. See Process Reform for Executive Branch Review of Certain FCC Applications and Petitions Involving Foreign Ownership, IB Docket 16-155, Report and Order, 35 FCC Red 10927, 10938-42, paras. 29-39 (2020). Applicants state that this application should be exempt from referral for Executive Branch review because T-Mobile: (1) is subject to an agreement with an Executive Branch agency concerning national security and/or law enforcement, (2) there are no new reportable foreign owners of T-Mobile since the effective date of that agreement, and (3) T-Mobile agrees to continue to comply with the terms of that agreement. We are exercising our discretion and are not referring this application to the Executive Branch. See id. at 10941, para. 36, n. 99; see also id. at 10957-58, para 81, n. 205.

## REMINDERS:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-.2003.