**DA 15-1400**

**December 9, 2015**

**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE**

**TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF OKLAHOMA WESTERN TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**TO KCL ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 15-291**

**Comments Due: December 23, 2015**

**Reply Comments Due: December 30, 2015**

Pauline Van Horn, Michael Van Horn, Cynthia Garrison (Transferors), and KCL Enterprises, Inc. (KCL) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), and section 63.03 of the Commission’s rules, requesting approval to transfer control of Oklahoma Western Telephone Company (Oklahoma Western) from Transferors to KCL.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Transferors, all U.S. citizens, presently own 90.90 percent of the issued and outstanding stock of Oklahoma Western. Oklahoma Western, an Oklahoma corporation, is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) serving approximately 1,800 access lines in and around the communities of Albion, Buffalo Valley, Clayton, Fashawe, Leflore, Muse, Nashoba, Red Oak, and Summerfield in the counties of Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Latimer, and Leflore in southeastern Oklahoma. Its wholly-owned subsidiary, Phoenix Long Distance, Inc., resells interstate and intrastate long distance toll services within its local exchange service area. Applicants state that Oklahoma Western also provides video services in portions of its service area and provides cellular service in southeastern Oklahoma.

KCL, a Texas corporation, owns and operates the Dunnell Telephone Company Incorporated that provides rural incumbent LEC service in Minnesota. Applicants state that Charles D. Mattingly, Jr., a U.S. citizen, owns 100 percent of KCL. Applicants further state that Mr. Mattingly is the sole member of VNC Enterprises, LLC, a Texas limited liability company that owns Nova Telephone Company, an incumbent LEC providing service in Ohio. They state that KCL has no other affiliate that offers domestic telecommunications services.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, KCL will acquire all of Oklahoma Western’s issued and outstanding common stock from Transferors. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission’s rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Oklahoma Western Telephone Company to KCL Enterprises, Inc., WC Docket No. 15-291 (filed Nov. 24, 2015).

**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. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before December 23, 2015**, and reply comments **on or before December 30, 2015**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 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, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/.

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

1. Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.freeman@fcc.gov;
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3. Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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 For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Jodie May at (202) 418-0913.

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1. 47 U.S.C. § 214, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for wireless services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related pending applications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)