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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 17-309

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Bureau Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants, pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the domestic wireline application filed by U.S. Connect, LLC (US Connect), Great Wireless, LLC (Great Wireless), Suleman Bhimani, Patricia Gabrysiak, and Porter USA Enterprises, Inc. (Porter USA) (collectively, Applicants), requesting consent for the transfer of control of Great Wireless and US Connect to Porter USA.¹ On December 19, 2017, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.² No comments were filed in opposition to a grant of the Application.

US Connect, a Georgia limited liability company, operates as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in the states of Arkansas, Maryland and West Virginia. US Connect is a subsidiary of Great Wireless, a Texas limited liability company. Porter USA, a Texas corporation, is wholly owned by Ubaid Uddin, a U.S. citizen. Porter USA is not a telecommunications carrier, and Ubaid Uddin does not own a 10 percent or greater interest in any other telecommunications provider.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and therefore grants the requested authorization.³ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice. For further information, please contact Myrva Charles at 202-418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at 202-418-0809, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Domestic Application for Consent to Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 17-309 (filed Nov. 13, 2017) (Application). Applicants filed supplements to the Application on November 28, 2017. A grant of the Application is without prejudice to any potential enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Act or the Commission's rules.

² *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Great Wireless, LLC and U.S. Connect, LLC*, Public Notice, DA 17-1225 (WCB Dec. 19, 2017).

³ *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5529, para. 22 (2002).