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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE
TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF SCTG, LLC DBA SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS
TO CLEMSON BIDCO, LLC**

WC Docket No. 17-211

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants the application filed by South Carolina Net, Inc. d/b/a Spirit Telecom; South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holdings, LLC; FRC, LLC; PalmettoNet Inc. (collectively, "Licensees"); SCTG, LLC dba Spirit Communications (Spirit Parent) (collectively with Licensees, Spirit); and Clemson BidCo, LLC (Clemson) (collectively, Applicants) to transfer control of Spirit Parent and Licensees to Clemson.¹

On August 30, 2017, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.² On August 31, 2017, the Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (collectively, the Executive Branch Agencies), filed a letter requesting that the Commission defer action on this proceeding while they completed their review of any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.³ On March 19, 2018, the Executive Branch Agencies notified the Bureau that they withdraw their request to defer action.⁴ They state that, based on the information provided to them by the Applicants and their analysis of potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, they have no objection to the Application.⁵

No comments were filed in opposition to a grant of the Application, and the Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. *Joint Application of SCTG, LLC et al. and Clemson BidCo, LLC for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as Amended, to Transfer Indirect Control of Domestic and International Section 214 Authorization Holders*, WC Docket No. 17-211 (filed Aug. 21, 2017) (Application). Spirit Parent does not provide telecommunications services and owns Licensees, which provide competitive local exchange carrier and interstate services in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia.

² *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of SCTG, LLC dba Spirit Communications to Clemson BidCo, LLC*, WC Docket No. 17-211, Public Notice, 32 FCC Red 6734 (WCB 2017).

³ Letter from Elisabeth Poteat, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-211 (filed Aug. 31, 2017).

⁴ Letter from Elisabeth Poteat, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-211 (filed Mar. 19, 2018).

⁵ *Id.* at 1.

necessity.⁶ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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⁶ 47 CFR § 63.03(b).