

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

<b>In the Matter of</b>	)	
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<b>Pattersonville Telephone Company and</b>	)	
<b>Pattersonville Telephone Company d/b/a</b>	)	<b>WC Docket No. 21-_____</b>
<b>PTC Connect</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Application for Authorization Pursuant to</b>	)	
<b>Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934,</b>	)	
<b>as Amended, for Transfer of Control</b>	)	

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL**

Pattersonville Telephone Company (“Pattersonville”) on behalf of itself and its separate operating division, Pattersonville Telephone Company d/b/a PTC Connect (“PTC Connect), along with the two owners of Pattersonville (Tammy T. Krisher and William Krisher) each a United States Citizen) together with Nicole Rodriguez, the proposed transferee (also a United States Citizen) (collectively the “Applicants”), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214 (the “Act”), and Section 63.04 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”), 47 C.F.R. §63.04, hereby request authority to transfer control of Pattersonville as outlined herein. This Application presumptively qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Sections 63.03(b)(1)(ii) and 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§63.03(b)(1)(ii) and 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

**I. Background and Proposed Transfer**

Pattersonville is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier operating in portions of Montgomery and Schenectady Counties within the State of New York, just outside the cities of Amsterdam and Schenectady, New York. Pattersonville provides local exchange and exchange access service to approximately 435 access lines in this rural area and also provides whole

broadband access services to PTC Connect. PTC Connect, a separate corporate operating division of Pattersonville, provides domestic resold long distance in and around the area of Pattersonville and also provides retail broadband services in the same area.

This application proposes the transfer of control of the Section 214 authorization held by Pattersonville and PTC Connect based on a transfer of Pattersonville stock from Tammy and William Krisher to Nicole Rodriguez. Post consummation, Pattersonville and PTC Connect will continue to exist and operate under the same names, and provide service pursuant to their then-existing rates, terms and conditions. No carrier change charges are associated with the transaction, and no customer service or billing contact information will change as a result of the transfer. The transaction will not affect customers' preferred carrier freezes. Accordingly, the proposed transactions will be transparent to consumers.

**II. Section 64.04(a) Information**

In support of this request, the Applicants show the following information required by Section 64.04(a) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §64.04(a):

**1. The name, address and telephone number of each applicant - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(1).**

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Ms. Tammy T. Krisher, President  
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Ms. Nicole Rodriguez  
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**2. The government, state, or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(2).**

Pattersonville Telephone Company is organized under the laws of the State of New York.

PTC Connect operates as a “d/b/a” under the laws of the State of New York. Ms. Krisher, Mr.

Krisher, and Ms. Rodriguez are each citizens of the United States.

**3. The name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact point, such as legal counsel, to whom correspondence concerning the Joint Application is to be addressed - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(3).**

**For Pattersonville:**

Ms. Tammy T. Krisher, President  
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4. The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities (to the nearest one (1) percent) - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(4).

**Current Ten Percent (10%) or Greater Equity Owners of Pattersonville:**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
Tammy Krisher Pattersonville Telephone Company 1309 Main Street, PO Box 240 Rotterdam Junction, New York 12150 (Individually)	95.97% <sup>1</sup>	Telecommunications Executive
William Krisher and Tammy Krisher Pattersonville Telephone Company 1309 Main Street, PO Box 240 Rotterdam Junction, New York 12150 (As Joint Owners)	3.72%	

William Krisher is employed in Real Estate Management (unrelated to Pattersonville Telephone).

**Post Consummation Ten Percent (10%) or Greater Equity Owners of Pattersonville:**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
Nicole Rodriguez Pattersonville Telephone Company 1309 Main Street PO Box 240 Rotterdam Junction, New York 12150	99.69%	Telecommunications Management

Nicole Rodriguez does not own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in any domestic telecommunications service provider.

Charts showing pre and post transaction ownership of Pattersonville, as required by 47 CFR § 63.04 (a)(4)(ii) are attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

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<sup>1</sup> Tammy Krisher received some of her stock in Pattersonville from her parents Wayne and Linda Thomas in a transaction approved by the Commission in WC Docket 20-246 on September 11, 2020.

5. **Certification pursuant to §§ 1.2001 through 1.2003 of this chapter that no party to the joint application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. § 853 - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(5).**

Applicants certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, that to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief, no party to the Application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

6. **A description of the transaction - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(6).**

Subject to the receipt of the necessary regulatory approvals, Tammy Krisher, individually, and Tammy Krisher and William Krisher, jointly, will transfer their shares in Pattersonville to Nicole Rodriguez.

7. **A description of the geographic areas in which the Transferor and Transferee (and their affiliates) offer domestic telecommunications services, and what services are provided in each area - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(7).**

As indicated above, Pattersonville is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier operating approximately 435 access lines in this rural area and provides local exchange, exchange access service in addition to providing whole broadband access services to PTC Connect. PTC Connect provides domestic resold long distance in and around the area of Pattersonville and also provided retail broadband services in the same area. Post-consummation of the proposed transaction, Pattersonville and PTC Connect will continue to provide the same services they do today pursuant to their then-existing rates, terms and conditions.

8. **A statement as to how the Joint Application fits into one or more of the presumptive streamlined categories in this section or why it is otherwise appropriate for streamlined treatment - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(8).**

Applicants request streamlined treatment of this Application in accordance with Section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) and 63.03(b)(2)(iii). Neither Ms. Krisher, Mr. Krisher, nor Ms. Rodriguez is a

telecommunications provider. The proposed transaction envisions the transfer of corporate control via stock transfers to Ms. Rodriguez. Pattersonville operations serve fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide,<sup>2</sup> and the transaction will result in no new overlapping or adjacent service areas with another incumbent local exchange carrier.

**9. Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(9).**

No other application is planned to be submitted in connection with this transaction.

**10. A statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure - 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.04(a)(10).**

Applicants are not facing imminent business failure.

**11. Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction - 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.04(a)(11).**

None.

**12. A statement showing how grant of the Joint Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, including any additional information that may be necessary to show the effect of the proposed transaction on competition in domestic markets - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(12).**

Applicants respectfully submit that a grant of this application for the transfer of control of Pattersonville is in the public interest. Upon consummation of the contemplated transaction, Pattersonville and PTC Connect will continue to provide the same high quality, modern services

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<sup>2</sup> As of December 31, 2018, the Commission reported that the retail switched access lines were approximately 43,512,000 nationwide. See *Voice Telephone Services: Status as of December 31, 2018* (Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, March, 2020), Figure 1 (page 2). Pattersonville's approximate 435 access lines are far less than 2% of the access lines reported by the Commission.

to their current respective subscribers as those provided today, and will do so in a manner that will render the transfers for which authorization is sought herein transparent to their respective subscribers. While as part of the transaction the control of Pattersonville will change, local management and ownership will continue, thus resulting in what is anticipated to be continued customer responsiveness. Ms. Rodriguez, the current general manager of Pattersonville, has been employed by Pattersonville for 17 years, and is fully familiar with the financial, technological, marketing, operational, and customer support aspects of the Company's business.

### III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission promptly grant this Application.

March 5, 2021

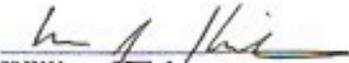
Respectfully submitted,

**Pattersonville Telephone Company and  
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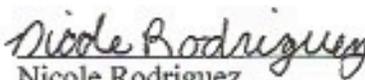
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Tammy T. Krisher, President  
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and in her individual capacity as Individual and  
Joint Owner of Pattersonville shares

By:   
William Krisher  
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and in his individual capacity as Joint Owner of 60  
shares of Pattersonville

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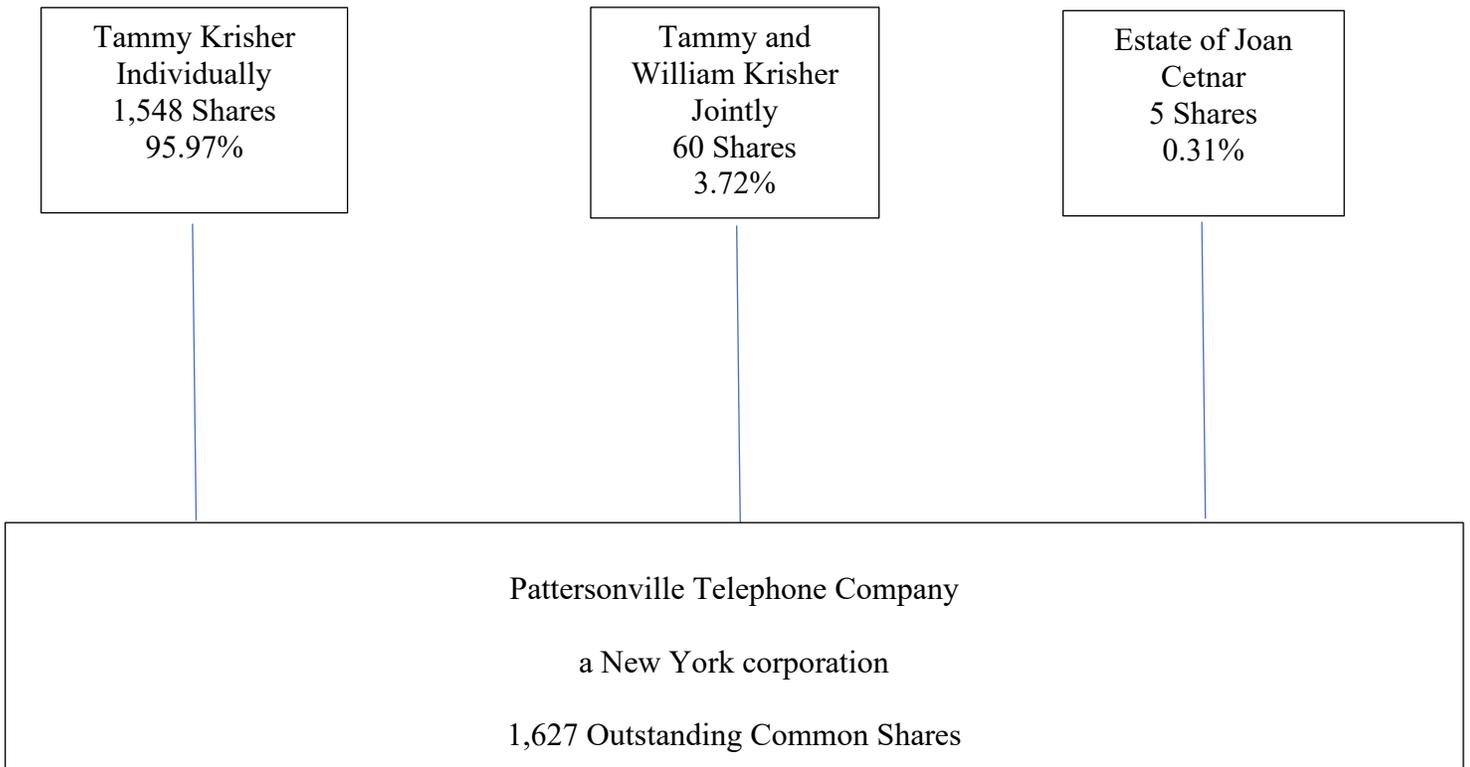
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**EXHIBIT A**

**Pattersonville Telephone Company**

**Existing Ownership**

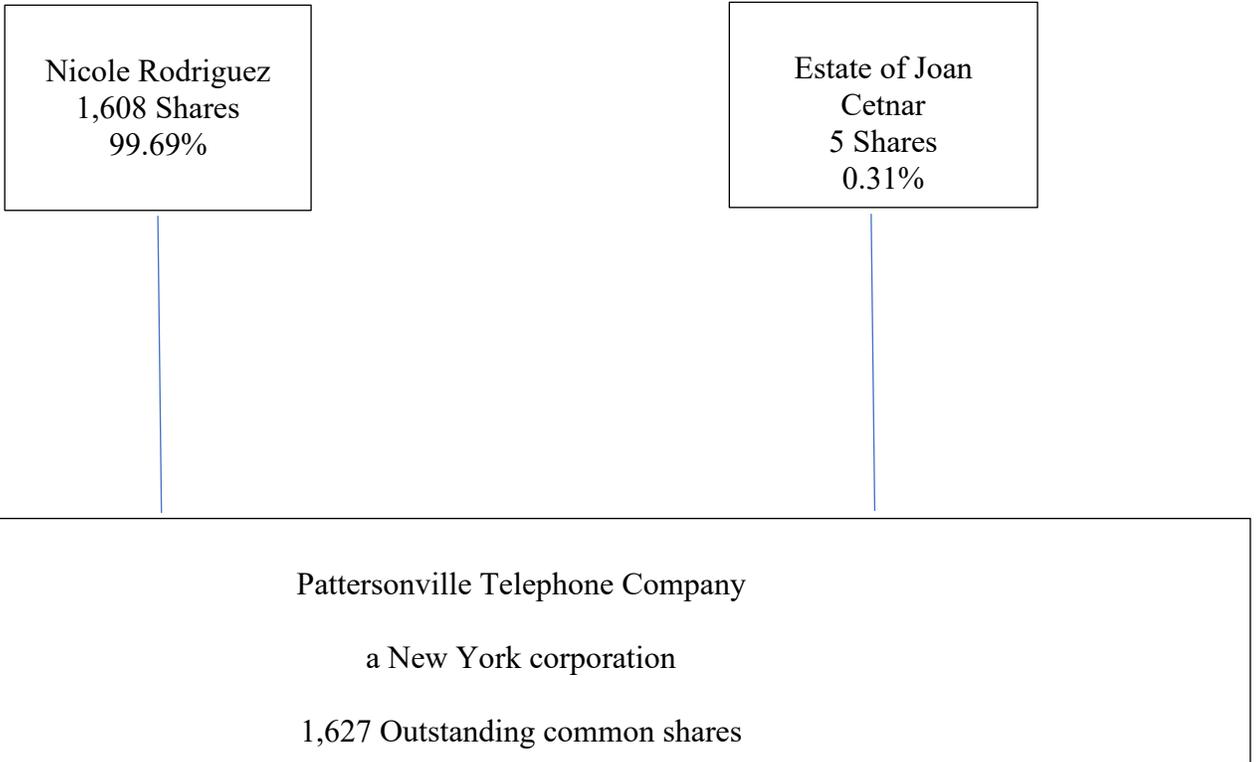
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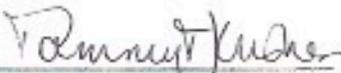
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**Ownership Following Stock Transfer**



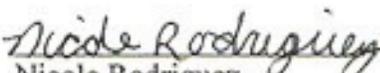
## DECLARATION

I, Tammy T. Krisher, as President of Pattersonville Telephone Company (the "Company"), and in my individual capacity, do hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I have read the foregoing "Application for Transfer of Control" dated March 4, 2021, and the information contained therein regarding the Company and its stock ownership is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

  
Tammy T. Krisher  
President  
Pattersonville Telephone Company  
And Individually

Date: 3/5/21

I, Nicole Rodriguez, as General Manager of Pattersonville Telephone Company (the "Company"), and in my individual capacity, do hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I have read the foregoing "Application for Transfer of Control" dated March 4, 2021, and the information contained therein regarding the Company and its stock ownership, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

  
Nicole Rodriguez  
Pattersonville Telephone Company  
And Individually

Date: 3/5/21