

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
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Coon Creek Telephone Company and) WC Docket No. 18-_____
Coon Creek Telecommunications Corp.,)
Licensees/Assignors,)
)
and)
)
Shellsburg Cablevision, Inc., Assignee,)
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For Grant of Authority Pursuant to)
Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934,)
as Amended, and Section 63.04 of the)
Commission’s Rules to Complete a)
Transfer of Control of Assets of an Authorized)
Domestic Section 214 Carrier.)

JOINT APPLICATION – STREAMLINED PROCESSING REQUESTED

I. INTRODUCTION

Coon Creek Telephone Company (“CCTC”) and Coon Creek Telecommunications Corp. (“CC CLEC”) (together with CCTC, the “Licensees” or “Assignors”) and Shellsburg Cablevision, Inc. (“Shellsburg Cablevision” or “Assignee”) (Assignors and Assignees jointly referred to herein as “Applicants”), by their undersigned counsel, hereby jointly request approval of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Sections 63.03 and 63.04 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.03, 63.04, to the assignment of assets held by Assignees to Assignor. For the reasons stated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is subject to the Commission’s “streamlined” processing rules found in Sections 63.03, and thus prompt approval can be accomplished because there are no competitive concerns that could delay Commission approval of the transaction. Streamlined processing is requested pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission’s Rules.

II. SECTION 63.04 INFORMATION

In support of this Application, Applicants submit the following information to fulfill the requirements of Section 63.04(a) of the Commission's Rules. Information is provided in the order in which the requirements appear.

A. Name, Contact Information, State of Organization, and Section 214 Authority of Applicants (Response to Section 63.04(a)(1)-(3))

1. Assignors

Coon Creek Telephone Company ("CCTC"), FCC Registration Number ("FRN") 0003756764, is a corporation organized under the laws of and headquartered in Iowa. CCTC holds blanket Section 214 authority to provide domestic telecommunications services, operating as an incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") providing local exchange service and exchange access service in the Blairstown, Iowa local exchange area. CCTC also provides digital subscriber line (DSL) Internet service and Internet protocol television (IPTV) service in Blairstown and in the communities of Marengo and Belle Plaine. CCTC also holds an international 214 authorization for global resale under File No. ITC-214-20080820-00392.

Coon Creek Telecommunications Corp. ("CC CLEC"), FRN 0003756798, is a corporation organized under the laws of and headquartered in Iowa. It holds blanket Section 214 authority to provide domestic telecommunications services, operating as a CLEC providing local exchange service and exchange access service in the Belle Plaine and Marengo, Iowa, exchange areas. These voice services may be bundled with DSL Internet service and IPTV service provided by CCTC. CC CLEC is a wholly owned subsidiary of CCTC and, accordingly, operates under the international 214 authorization of its parent company.

CCTC can be contacted via the following address and telephone/fax numbers:

Coon Creek Telephone Company
312 Locust St NE
P.O. Box 150
Blairstown, IA 52209
Telephone: (319) 454-6234
Fax: (319) 454-6480

CC CLEC can be contacted via the following address and telephone/fax numbers:

Coon Creek Telecommunication Corp.
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2. Assignee

Shellsburg Cablevision, FRN 0007299936, is a corporation organized under the laws of and headquartered in Iowa. It holds blanket Section 214 authority to provide domestic telecommunications services, operating as a CLEC providing local exchange service and exchange access service under the trade name USA Communications to customers in the Central City, Center Point, and Robins exchanges.

Shellsburg Cablevision may be contacted at the following address and phone number:

Shellsburg Cablevision, Inc.
124 Main Street
PO Box 389
Shellsburg, Iowa 52332
Telephone: (319) 436-2224

Shellsburg Cablevision is 100% owned by Farmers Mutual Telephone Cooperative of Shellsburg, Iowa (“FMTC-Shellsburg”), FRN 0002596344, organized under the laws of and headquartered in Iowa. FMTC-Shellsburg holds blanket Section 214 authority to provide domestic telecommunications services, operating as an ILEC to provide local exchange service

and exchange access service under the trade name USA Communications to customers in the Alburnett, Shellsburg, Benton Township, and Urbana exchange areas.

FMTC-Shellsburg is a cooperative, and no person or entity owns or controls ten percent (10%) or more direct or indirect interest in FMTC-Shellsburg. FMTC-Shellsburg holds an international 214 authorization for global resale under File No. ITC-214-20080826-00401.

3. Point of Contact Information (Response to Section 63.04(a)(3)):

All correspondence, notices and inquiries regarding this Application should be addressed to:

For Licensees/Assignors:

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B. Information Concerning the Ten (10) Percent or Greater Owners (Response to Section 63.04(a)(4)):

The Assignee is 100% owned by FMTC-Shellsburg, organized under the laws of Iowa and headquartered in Iowa at the same address as Assignee. FMTC-Shellsburg, is a cooperative and no person or entity owns or controls ten percent (10%) or more direct or indirect interest in FMTC-Shellsburg.

C. Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 Certification (Response to Section 63.04(a)(5)):

By the attached certifications, Applicants certify pursuant to 47 §§ C.F.R. 1.2001-1.2008 of the Commission's Rules that no party to the Application is subject to a denial of Federal Benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1998.

D. Description of the Transaction (Response to Section 63.04(a)(6)):

On August 29, 2017, Applicants entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to which Assignee will purchase certain assets and customers of Assignors (the "Transaction"). The Transaction is structured as an asset sale by which Shellsburg Cablevision will acquire all or substantially all of the combined assets and properties of the Assignors, including the ILEC assets and customer base of CCTC and the CLEC assets and customer base of CC CLEC. Thus, upon closing of the Transaction, the Assignee, which is a CLEC owned by an ILEC, will itself become an ILEC in the areas served by CCTC, and also operate as a CLEC in the areas currently served by CC CLEC. Following the Transaction, both of the selling companies will discontinue active business operations and will no longer provide telecommunications services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Transaction will not result in any reduction to or impairment of service for any customers.

Consummation of the Transaction is contingent on, among other things, receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals. Applicants will provide the Commission with a notice of closing within thirty (30) days of the completion of the Transaction.

Following approval of the Transaction and the transfer of Assignors' customers to Assignee, Assignee will seamlessly continue the provision of services to customers without any immediate changes with respect to their service offerings, rates, or terms and conditions of service. Assignee will provide services to Assignor's customers utilizing existing interconnection agreements (which Assignee will acquire from Assignor as part of the Transaction), 911 arrangements, and numbering arrangements. Assignee will provide a notice of the transfer to affected customers at least thirty (30) days prior to the transfer in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(3).

E. Description of Geographic Service Area and Services in Each Area (Response to Section 63.04(a)(7)):

The Assignors and Assignee serve distinct, non-overlapping and non-adjacent geographic areas. Assignors provide local exchange service and exchange access service to the communities of Blirstown, Marengo and Belle Plaine, Iowa. Belle Plaine and Blirstown are located in Benton County; Marengo is located in Iowa County. These communities are located west of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Assignee and its parent company provide local exchange service and exchange access service to the communities of Alburnett, Central City, Center Point, Robins, Shellsburg, Benton Township, and Urbana, Iowa, all of which are located northwest or northeast of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in Linn and Benton Counties.

F. Qualification for Streamlining (Response to Section 63.04(a)(8)):

Applicants request streamlined processing of this Application pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03. The proposed acquisition of CCTC, an ILEC, by

Shellsburg Cablevision, a CLEC, qualifies for streamlined processing under Section 63.03(b)(1)(iii), which directs that streamlining is presumed to apply where a proposed transaction involves the transfer of ILEC assets by means other than acquisition of corporate control. As discussed above, the proposed transaction is an asset purchase and not a transfer of corporate control.

The proposed acquisition of CC CLEC by Shellsburg Cablevision qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(2)(i), as both applicants are competitive local carriers and not dominant with respect to any service.

F. Other Pending Commission Applications (Response to Section 63.04(a)(9)):

Applicants will file a separate application for approval with respect to international 214 authority. Applicants will file a notice of the customer base transfer at least thirty (30) days prior to the transfer in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(1).

G. Special Consideration (Response to Section 63.04(a)(10)):

None.

H. Waiver Requests (if Any) (Response to Section 63.04(a)(11)):

None.

I. Public Interest Statement (Response to Section 63.04(a)(12)):

Approval of the proposed Transaction serves the public interest. The proposed Transaction will ensure that affected customers enjoy continuity of high-quality telecommunications service. Customers will be given prior written notice of the transfer of their account to Assignee, in compliance with the FCC's customer notice requirements pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)(3). Following the Transaction, the affected customers will continue to receive services consistent with the quality of services currently provided by Assignors that will

be supported by Assignee's experienced and well-qualified management team. As a result, the proposed Transaction will be mostly transparent to Assignor's customers. Consequently, the proposed Transaction will not have a negative impact on the public interest, consumers, or competition.

Assignee will provide new and additional services to Assignors' customers. Assignors' customers will have access to expanded service offerings not currently offered by Assignors, and thus will benefit from the Transaction. The Transaction will also allow Assignee to establish a competitive position to the benefit of consumers and the telecommunications marketplace generally. Finally, Assignors' transfer of assets to Assignee will not harm competition because customers will still have access to a number of competitive choices in Assignors' service area in addition to those offered by Assignee. As previously stated, customers will be informed of their ability to choose an alternative carrier in the notice they will receive regarding the Transaction.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Application as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 22, 2018

CERTIFICATION

I, Curt Eldred, state that I am General Manager of Shellsburg Cablevision, Inc.; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Assignee; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Assignor are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 18th day of May 2018.



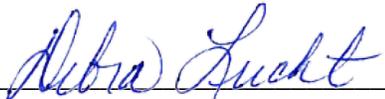
Curt Eldred
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Shellsburg Cablevision, Inc.

CERTIFICATION

I, Debra Lucht, state that I am General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Coon Creek Telephone Company; that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of the Assignors; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to the Assignors are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 22 day of May 2018.



Debra Lucht
General Manager and CEO
Coon Creek Telephone Company