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

In the Matter of	)	
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Janice E. O'Brien (Deceased) by Her Executor	)	
Transferor	)	**WC Docket No. 21- _____**
and	)	
	)	
James T. O'Brien	)	
Transferee	)	
	)	
For Consent to Transfer Control of Glenwood Telephone	)	
Company pursuant to	)	
Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended	)	

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF DOMESTIC AUTHORIZATION

Janice E. O'Brien (also referred to as "Mrs. O'Brien"), deceased, through her Executor, James T. O'Brien (collectively the "Transferor") and James T. O'Brien (who is a citizen of the United States), surviving son of Mrs. O'Brien (the "Transferee") (and along with the Transferor and Transferee the "Applicants") hereby file this transfer of control application. The instant application is filed as a result of the death of Mrs. O'Brien and the transfer upon her death pursuant to her will of her Fifty-Four percent (54%) ownership interest in Glenwood Telephone Company ("Glenwood") to her son, James T. O'Brien (also referred to as "Mr. O'Brien" and who is a citizen of the United States). Prior to Mrs. O'Brien's death (who was a citizen of the United States), Mr. O'Brien owned Forty-Six Percent (46%) of Glenwood. With Mrs. O'Brien's death, Mr. O'Brien now owns One Hundred percent (100%) of Glenwood.

For the reasons stated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that this Application can presumptively be processed pursuant to the Commission's Sections 63.03(b)(1)(ii) and 63.03(b)(2)(iii) (47 C.F.R. §§63.03(b)(1)(ii) and 63.03(b)(2)(iii)) of the Commission's

"streamlined" processing rules. Prompt approval of this application can be accomplished in a manner that raises no competitive concerns.

I. Background and Transfer

Glenwood is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier. Glenwood operates in an approximate 13 square mile area in central Georgia within portions of Wheeler County and Laurens County, Georgia. Glenwood operates approximately 750 access lines, providing traditional telephone service and broadband access services. Glenwood Study Area Code number is 220365 and Glenwood receives its federal Universal Service Fund disbursement pursuant to the Commission's "legacy" requirements.[1]

This application reflects the transfer of control of the domestic Section 214 authorization held by Glenwood arising from the death of Glenwood's majority shareholder on October 26, 2021, Mrs. Janice E. O'Brien, a citizen of the United States. Upon her death, Mrs. O'Brien's then-owned fifty four percent (54%) in Glenwood was transferred to her son, James T. O'Brien. At the time of his Mother's death, Mr. O'Brien was the forty-six percent (46%) owner of Glenwood, and is now, as a result of his Mother's death, the one-hundred percent (100%) owner of Glenwood. Mr. O'Brien is a citizen of the United States.

The transfer outlined herein has been transparent to Glenwood customers. Glenwood continues to exist and operate under the same name, and provides service pursuant to its existing rates, terms and conditions. No carrier change charges were associated with this change in ownership, and no customer service or billing contact information was changed as a result of the

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[1] Glenwood is also involved in the Commission Emergency Broadband Benefit program under "SPIN" 822108.

transfer. Likewise, the transfer noted herein has not affected customers' preferred carrier freezes.

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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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).

Glenwood Telephone Company is organized under the laws of the State of Georgia. Mrs. O'Brien was a citizen of the United States. James T. O'Brien is a citizen 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 application is to be addressed - 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(3).

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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).**

Ten Percent (10%) or Greater Equity Owners of Glenwood (Prior to Mrs. O'Brien's Death)

Name	Total Equity	Principal Business
Janice E. O'Brien	54%	Telecommunications Management
James T. O'Brien	46%	Telecommunications Management

The address for Mrs. O'Brien and Mr. O'Brien at the time of Mrs. O'Brien's death was Glenwood Telephone Company, PO Box 235, 22 West Fourth Ave., Glenwood, GA 30428.

Ten Percent (10%) or Greater Equity Owners of Glenwood (Post Mrs. O'Brien's Death)

Name and Address	Total Equity	Principal Business
Mr. James T. O'Brien	100%	Telecommunications Management

The address for Mr. O'Brien is Glenwood Telephone Company, PO Box 235, 22 West Fourth Ave., Glenwood, GA 30428. Except as disclosed herein, Mr. O'Brien confirms that he does not

own a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in any domestic telecommunications service provider.[2]

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 (at the time of Mrs. O'Brien's death) was and, with respect to Transferee, 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).

The event requiring the submission of this application was the death of Mrs. O'Brien and the transfer of her interest in Glenwood, to her son, James T. O'Brien.

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, Glenwood is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier operating in an approximate 13 square mile area in central Georgia. Glenwood's service is within portions of Wheeler and Laurens County Georgia. Glenwood operates approximately 750 access lines, providing traditional telephone service and broadband access services. As also indicated above, the transfer outlined herein has been transparent to Glenwood customers.

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[2] Glenwood has established a wholly-owned subsidiary, South Georgia Broadband, Inc. ("SGBI"). SGBI is a provider of internet-related services wholly outside the area of Glenwood. SGBI has secured a certificate as a competitive local exchange carrier from the Georgia Public Service Commission but such certificate has never been used and is dormant. SGBI provides no voice service nor does it offer to provide any domestic telecommunications service.

8. A statement as to how the 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). Mrs. O'Brien was not and Mr. O'Brien is not a telecommunications provider. This application address the transfer of corporate control via a stock transfer to James T. O'Brien from his Mother, Janice E. O'Brien, at the time of her death. Glenwood operations serve fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide,[3] and the transfer at issue results in no 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).

In addition to the transfer of control noted herein, the Applicants will also be filing an application for the transfer of control of Station WRCT947, Glenwood's Industrial/Business Pool Conventional Radio license.

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.

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[3] As of June 30, 2019, the Commission reported that the retail switched access lines were approximately 40,956,000 nationwide. *See Voice Telephone Services: Status as of June 30, 2019* (Industry Analytics Division, Office of Economics and Analytics, April 2021), Figure 2. Glenwood's approximate 750 access lines are far less than 2% of the access lines reported by the Commission.

12. A statement showing how grant of the 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 reflecting the transfer of control of Glenwood is in the public interest. The instant application was triggered by the death of Glenwood's former majority owner, Mrs. Janice E. O'Brien, and thus provides for the up-to-date ownership of Glenwood. Glenwood will continue to provide the same high quality services to its subscribers as those provided today, and will do so in a manner that is transparent to the Glenwood subscribers. Glenwood will still be operated via local management and ownership will continue, thus resulting in what is anticipated to be continued customer responsiveness.

III. Conclusion

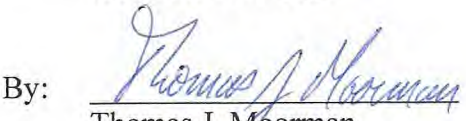
For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission promptly grant this Application.

December 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

The Estate of Janice E. O'Brien by Its Executor

James T. O'Brien

By: 

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DECLARATION

I, James T. O'Brien, Executor of the Estate of Janice E. O'Brien, do hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I have read the foregoing "Application for Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorization" (the "Application") and the information contained therein regarding Janice O'Brien is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date: 12/21/21

James T. O'Brien,
Executor of the Estate of Janice E. O'Brien

DECLARATION

I, James T. O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer of Glenwood Telephone Company ("GTC"), do hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I have read the foregoing "Application for Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorization" (the "Application") and the information contained therein regarding GTC is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date: 12/21/21

James T. O'Brien
Chief Executive Officer
Glenwood Telephone Company

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Thomas J. Moorman, of Woods Aitken LLP, 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 950, Washington, DC 20015, do hereby certify that on this 21st day of December, 2021, the foregoing "Application for Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorization" was mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the following:

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