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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF UNION SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. AND ROPIR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FROM BILLIE K. PIRNIE REVOCABLE TRUST TO TROY CABLEVISION, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 14-201

Comments Due: December 1, 2014
Reply Comments Due: December 8, 2014

On November 10, 2014, Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc. (USTC), and Ropir Communications, Inc. (RCI), Billie K. Pirnie Revocable Trust (Pirnie Trust), and Troy Cablevision, Inc. (Troy) (collectively Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of USTC and RCI from Billie K. Pirnie Revocable Trust to Troy.[1]

USTC, an Alabama corporation, provides incumbent local exchange carrier (incumbent LEC) services in portions of Bullock, Macon, Barbour, and Pike Counties, Alabama. USTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ropir Industries, Inc. (Ropir Industries), a Delaware corporation. RCI, a Delaware corporation, provides interstate and interexchange telecommunications services in and around the area served by USTC. RCI is controlled by Ropir Industries.

Troy, an Alabama corporation, provides cable television services in the following areas of Alabama: Banks, Brantley, Brundidge, Clayhatchee, Daleville, Elba, Enterprise, Glenwood, Goshen, Grimes, Level Plains, Luverne, Midland City, Napier Field, New Brockton, Newton, Ozark, Petrey, Pinckard, Rutledge, Troy, and unincorporated areas of Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Houston, and Pike counties. The following U.S. citizens hold a ten percent or greater interest in Troy: William H. Freeman and Vicki F. McPherson. Applicants state that the transaction will not result in any new overlapping or adjacent service areas.

Pursuant to a stock purchase agreement Troy has agreed to purchase all shares of Ropir Industries from Pirnie Trust. As a result, Troy will acquire full control of USTC and RCI. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(ii) of the

[1] 47 C.F.R § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.[2]

> Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Union Springs Telephone Company, Inc. and Ropir Communications, Inc. from Billie K. Pirnie Revocable Trust to Troy Cablevision, Inc., WC Docket No. 14-201 (filed Nov. 10, 2014).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before December 1, 2014**, and reply comments **on or before December 8, 2014**. Pursuant to section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents in this proceeding using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

1) Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.freeman@fcc.gov;

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3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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[2] 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(ii).

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For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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