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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
LIFECONNEX TELECOM, LLC
TO LIFECONNEX ACQUISITION GROUP, LLC**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 10-10

Comments Due: February 10, 2010

Reply Comments Due: February 17, 2010

On December 21, 2009, Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC (LC Telecom) and Lifeconnex Acquisition Group, LLC (LC Acquisition Group) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of LC Telecom to LC Acquisition Group.¹ Applicants closed this transaction on or about September 1, 2009 without approval. LC Telecom, a Florida limited liability company, currently provides resold competitive local exchange (LEC) and interexchange services in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, and North Carolina, and is also authorized to provide these services in several other states.² Prior to the transaction, LC Telecom was owned by Angie Watson (50 percent) and Leonard Solt (50 percent), both U.S. citizens.

LC Acquisition Group, a Delaware limited liability company, does not currently provide telecommunications services and was formed to purchase LC Telecom and consolidate it with other competitive LECs. LC Acquisition Group is owned by Associated Telecom Management Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, that is, in turn, wholly owned by Thomas Biddix, a U.S. citizen.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants filed supplements to their domestic section 214 application on January 11 and 26, 2010. Because this transaction was consummated without prior Commission approval, Applicants filed separately a request for Special Temporary Authority (STA). Applicants state that the delay in requesting consent for the transfer of control at issue occurred because they were unaware of their domestic section 214 application and approval obligations at the time the transaction was consummated. Applicants further state that they filed the STA and application to correct the deficiency and to ensure that their customers will continue to receive uninterrupted service. On January 26, 2010, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted the STA for the domestic authorization for a period of 60 days. *See* Letter from Lance J.M. Steinhart on behalf of Lifeconnex Acquisition Group, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 10-10 (filed Jan. 5, 2010). A grant of this application will be without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or the Commission's rules.

² LC Telecom is authorized to provide services in Alabama, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

Applicants state that no other entity holds a direct or indirect interest in LC Acquisition Group.³ Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, LC Acquisition Group purchased 100 percent of the equity interests of LC Telecom, which became a wholly owned subsidiary of the company. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.⁴

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Lifeconnex Telecom, LLC to Lifeconnex Acquisition Group, LLC, WC Docket No. 10-10 (filed Dec. 21, 2009).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is 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 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before February 10, 2010**, and reply comments **on or before February 17, 2010**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁵ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get

³ Associated Telecom Management Services, Inc. has filed a series of domestic section 214 applications involving the acquisition of several competitive LECs that provide service in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. DialTone & More, Inc. Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-6 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); Ren-Tel Communications, Inc. Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-7 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); SC TxLink, LLC Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-5 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); Ganoco, Inc. d/b/a American Dial Tone Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-9 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); BLC Management LLC d/b/a Angles Communications Solutions Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-8 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); Bellerud Communications, LLC Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-11 (filed Dec. 21, 2009); Triarch Marketing, Inc. Application for Approval of a Transfer of Control (filed Dec. 21, 2009). Applicants state that the transactions do not involve any incumbent LEC services and that, in the states in which these entities have overlapping operations, there are multiple competitive alternatives.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

⁵ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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