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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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The Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23,)
2002)
Transferor,)
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and)
)
Mr. Galen D. Norsworthy,)
Transferee.)
)
Application for Transfer of Control of)
Ducor Telephone Company Pursuant to)
Section 214 of the Communications Act of)
1934, as Amended.)

WC Docket No. _____

**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION**

The Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002 (“Transferor”) and Mr. Galen D. Norsworthy (“Transferee”), by their counsel, hereby request authority from the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”),¹ and Sections 63.03 and 63.04 of the Commission’s rules,² to transfer control of Ducor Telephone Company (“Ducor”) and its blanket domestic Section 214 authorization from Transferor to Transferee.

I. Background

Ducor is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier that provides local exchange telephone service and other services in the Ducor, Kennedy Meadows, and Rancho Tehama areas of California. Its corporate office is located in Bakersfield, California. The ultimate parent

¹ 47 USC §214.

² 47 CFR §§63.03, 63.04.

company of Ducor is VarComm, Inc. (“VarComm”), and 100 percent of VarComm’s issued and outstanding stock was held and voted by Mr. Virgil A. Roome until his death on January 27, 2013. Prior to his death, Mr. Roome created the Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002, (the “Trust”) for estate planning purposes and contributed 100 percent of the issued and outstanding shares of VarComm, Inc. to the Trust.³ As part of the administration of Mr. Roome’s estate, Transferee will receive a majority of the stock of VarComm and, therefore, indirect control over Ducor. Accordingly, the Applicants seek the Commission’s consent for this transfer.

The Applicants respectfully request streamlined treatment of this Application pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission’s rules. This Application is eligible for presumptive streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) because Transferee is not a telecommunications provider. This Application is also eligible for presumptive streamlined processing because both before and after the transaction, Ducor will have had a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than ten percent (10%).

II. Information Required by Section 63.04

In accordance with the requirements of Section 63.04(a) of the Commission’s rules, Applicants submit the following information:

(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant:

Transferor:

Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002
PO Box 42230
Bakersfield, CA 93384
(661) 834-7700

³ See, Letter from Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr. to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, re: Notification of Involuntary Transfer of Control of Domestic Section 214 Authorization, filed August 29, 2013.

Transferee:

Galen D. Norsworthy
PO Box 42230
Bakersfield, CA 93384
(661) 834-7700

(2) Government, state or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant is organized:

Ducor is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of California, and its FRN is 0001546746. VarComm is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of California, and its FRN is 0022889109.

(3) Name, title, post office address, and telephone number of the officer or contact person to whom correspondence concerning the application is to be addressed:

All correspondence, notices, and inquiries regarding this transaction should be addressed to the following:

Transferor:

Galen D. Norsworthy
Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002
PO Box 42230
Bakersfield, CA 93384

With a copy to:

Benjamin H. Dickens, Jr.
Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast, LLP
2120 L Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20037

Transferee:

Galen D. Norsworthy
PO Box 42230
Bakersfield, CA 93384

With a copy to:

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2120 L Street NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20037

(4) Name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities:

Prior to the transaction, Ducor is a privately-held corporation owned and controlled by VarComm, which in turn is 100% owned and controlled by Transferor. The name, address, citizenship, and principal business of the entity that owns greater than ten percent (10%) of the equity in Ducor is:

Name & Address	Percent Equity/Voting	Citizenship	Principal Business
Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002 PO Box 42230 Bakersfield, CA 93384	100%	U.S.	Telecommunications

As part of the administration of Mr. Roome's estate, seventy-five percent of the shares of VarComm (and the majority control of Ducor they represent) are being distributed from Transferor to Transferee. The name, address, citizenship, and principal business of the entities that own greater than ten percent (10%) equity in Ducor after the transaction are:

Name & Address	Percent Equity/Voting	Citizenship	Principal Business
Galen D. Norsworthy PO Box 42230 Bakersfield, CA 93384	75%	U.S.	Telecommunications
Ronald L. Roome, PO Box 42230 Bakersfield, CA 93384	20%	U.S.	Telecommunications

No other entity owned or owns ten percent (10.0%) or more of the equity and/or voting interests of Ducor, either prior or subsequent to the subject involuntary transfer of control.

(5) Certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§1.2001 through 1.2003:

Applicants hereby certify, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§1.2001 through 1.2003, that no party to the present application is subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

(6) Description of the transaction:

Prior to his death, Virgil A. Roome held and voted 100% of the issued and outstanding stock of VarComm, the ultimate parent company of Ducor. As part of the administration of his estate, seventy-five percent (75%) of the shares of VarComm are to be distributed to Transferee. Accordingly, upon the consummation of the proposed transaction, Transferee will acquire indirect control of Ducor, which enjoys blanket domestic 214 authorization. The remaining (minority) shares of VarComm are to be distributed to Ronald L. Roome (20%) and Eric Wolfe (5%).

Ducor will continue to exist and will continue to provide high-quality telecommunications services to its existing customers without interruption during the distribution. Any changes in the rates, terms, and conditions to service will be effected pursuant to applicable law. As a result, the acquisition of a controlling interest in Ducor by Transferee will be transparent to Ducor's customers.

(7) 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:

Ducor is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier that provides local exchange telephone service and other services in the Ducor, Kennedy Meadows, and Rancho Tehama areas of California.

(8) 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:

This Application is eligible for presumptive streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(1)(ii) because Transferee is not a telecommunications provider. This Application is also eligible for presumptive streamlined processing because both before and after the transaction, Ducor will have had a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than ten percent (10%).

(9) Identification of all other Commission applications related to the same transaction:

An application for transfer of control of Ducor's Conventional Industrial/Business Pool Service license, call sign WQNS817, is being submitted under separate cover. A 30-day post-closing forbearance notification will be submitted for Ducor's Common Carrier Fixed Point-to-Point Microwave licenses, call signs WPNB545, WPNB546, WPNB547, and WPNL467.

(10) Statement of whether the applicants are requesting special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure:

No party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure at this time. Therefore, the Applicants are not requesting special consideration because a party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure.

(11) Identification of any separately filed waiver requests being sought in conjunction with the transaction:

No separately filed waivers or waiver requests are being sought in conjunction with the proposed transaction.

(12) 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:

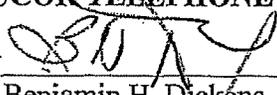
The proposed transaction will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity by allowing for the orderly probate of the Virgil A. Roome estate pursuant to California law, and allowing Ducor to continue to exist and to provide high-quality service to existing customers without any interruption. Since Transferee is not a telecommunications provider, the proposed transaction will not adversely affect competition.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing facts and public interest considerations, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission authorize the proposed transfer of control of Ducor Telephone Company's domestic Section 214 authorization from the Virgil A. Roome Trust, dated April 23, 2002, to Mr. Galen D. Norsworthy.

Respectfully submitted,

DUCOR TELEPHONE COMPANY

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READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
BEFORE PROCEEDING

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(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 300			
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(13) APPLICANT NAME Ducor Telephone Company			
(14) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 2500 E. Belle Terrace, Suite 100			
(15) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2			
(16) CITY Bakersfield		(17) STATE CA	(18) ZIP CODE 93307
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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT I, _____, certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.			
SIGNATURE _____		DATE _____	
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