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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
ENVENTIS CORPORATION TO
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 14-111

Comments Due: August 26, 2014
Reply Comments Due: September 2, 2014

On July 18, 2014, Enventis Corporation (Enventis Corp.) and Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (CCHI) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ to transfer indirect control of Enventis' subsidiaries that hold domestic authority under Section 214 to CCHI.²

Enventis Corp., a Minnesota corporation previously known as HickoryTech, provides advanced communication solutions including data, cloud, and IT services to businesses throughout the upper Midwest. Through its various operating subsidiaries, Eventis Corp. provides domestic local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services primarily in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota, and to a lesser extent in South Dakota and Wisconsin, and also offers interexchange telecommunications services in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

CCHI, a Delaware corporation, through its various operating subsidiaries (the Consolidated Companies and together with CCHI, Consolidated Communications), CCHI provides a wide range of

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. Applicants filed a supplement to their application on August 11, 2014 (Supplement).

² The subsidiaries of Enventis Corp. that hold domestic Section 214 authority are: Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (Mankato), Mid-Communications, Inc., Heartland Communications Company of Iowa, Crystal Communications, Inc., Enventis Telecom, Inc. (Enventis Telecom), and Idea One Telecom, Inc. (collectively, the 214 Licensees).

telecommunications services to residential and business customers in various states in the U.S.³ CCHI does not itself provide telecommunications services, and none of the Consolidated Companies currently operate where the 214 Licensees offer incumbent LEC or competitive LEC local services.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, on June 29, 2014, CCHI, Enventis Corp. and Sky Merger Sub, Inc. (Merger Sub) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger whereby Merger Sub will be merged with Enventis Corp. As a result of the proposed Transaction; Enventis Corp. and the 214 Licensees will become wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of CCHI. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) 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 Indirect Transfer of Control of Enventis Corporation Subsidiaries to Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., WC Docket No. 14-111 (filed July 18, 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 August 26, 2014**, and reply comments **on or before September 2, 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 Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.charles@fcc.gov;
- 2) Dennis Johnson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, dennis.johnson@fcc.gov;
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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³ See Application and Supplement for a complete list of CCHI's operating subsidiaries and lists of the states where they provide service.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

The proceeding in this Notice shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s ex parte rules. Persons making ex parte presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the ex parte presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during ex parte meetings are deemed to be written ex parte presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s ex parte rules.

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

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