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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF REASNOR TELEPHONE COMPANY, LLC FROM GS IOWA VENTURES, LLC TO INTEGRATED PATH COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

WC Docket No. 24-164

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau grants an application filed by GS Iowa Ventures, LLC (GS Iowa Ventures), Reasnor Telephone Company, LLC (Reasnor), and Integrated Path Communications, LLC (Integrated Path) (together, Applicants), pursuant to section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules,¹ requesting consent to transfer control of domestic 214 authorization holder Reasnor from GS Iowa Ventures to Integrated Path.²

On June 27, 2024, the Bureau released a public notice seeking comment on the Application.³ We did not receive comments or petitions in opposition to the Application.

Reasnor, a Nebraska limited liability company and rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), provides local exchange services to customers located in the Reasnor, Iowa telephone exchange.⁴ The Reasnor exchange includes the following communities in Iowa: Kellogg, Killduff, Galesburg, Lynnville, Searsboro, and Sully.⁵ Reasnor, a designated Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC), receives high-cost universal service support through the Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model support mechanism.⁶ Reasnor is 100% owned by GS Iowa Ventures, a holding

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04.

² Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Reasnor Telephone Company, LLC from GS Iowa Ventures, LLC to Integrated Path Communications, LLC, Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 24-164 (filed May 28, 2024) (Application). Applicants filed a supplement to the application on June 25, 2024. Supplement to Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Reasnor Telephone Company, LLC from GS Iowa Ventures, LLC to Integrated Path Communications, LLC, Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, WC Docket No. 24-164 (filed June 25, 2024) (Supplement). Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

³ *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Reasnor Telephone Company, LLC from GS Iowa Ventures, LLC to Integrated Path Communications, LLC*, WC Docket No. 24-164, Public Notice, DA 24-615 (WCB 2024).

⁴ Application at 2.

⁵ *Id.*

company that does not provide telecommunications services, which in turn is 100% owned by Thrift Communications, LLC (Thrift Communications), a holding company that does not offer telecommunications services.⁷ Thrift Communications is 100% owned by Sue Harvison, a United States citizen.⁸

Integrated Path, a New York limited liability company, provides resold local exchange services as a competitive LEC and offers voice services utilizing VoIP technologies in New York, Vermont, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, Oregon, California, Iowa, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Missouri, Montana, and West Virginia.⁹ Integrated Path has an ETC designation in the states of New York, Texas, and Wisconsin.¹⁰ Integrated Path is wholly owned and operated by Brian Shepard, a U.S. citizen.¹¹ Brian Shepard is also the 100% owner of the following telecommunications service providers, affiliates of Integrated Path through common ownership: Bluebird Communications, LLC, a New York limited liability company providing competitive local exchange services in the States of New York, New Jersey, and South Dakota; Right Call LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an Administrative Operating Company Number, which has been granted access to update Telecom Routing Administration databases, specifically the Business Input Routing and Rating Database System, and holds CMRS licenses in California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Texas, and Vermont; and AXO Communications LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and competitive LEC providing resold and local and interstate exchange services in New York and Iowa.¹² Other than what is disclosed in the Application, neither Integrated Path nor any of its affiliates hold a ten percent (10%) or greater direct or indirect ownership of any other provider of domestic regulated telecommunications services.¹³

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Integrated Path, GS Iowa Ventures, and Reasnor entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement under which Integrated Path agreed to purchase from GS Iowa Ventures 100% of the equity interest in Reasnor.¹⁴ Applicants state, after consummation of the proposed transaction, Reasnor will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Integrated Path.¹⁵ Applicants also state that no assignment of licenses, certificates of public convenience, assets, or customers will occur as a consequence of the proposed transaction.¹⁶ Applicants assert that the proposed transaction will not trigger any change in the rate, terms, and conditions under which Reasnor provides service to existing customers.¹⁷ Applicants explain that there

⁶ *Id.* at 12-13. Reasnor also participates in the Lifeline program and will continue to participate in that program post-consummation of the transaction. *Id.* at 14.

⁷ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁸ *Id.* at 3.

⁹ *Id.* at 4.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ Supplement at 1.

¹⁴ Application at 5.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

will be no change in service provider as a result of the transaction.¹⁸ Finally, Applicants state there is no overlap in the service territories of Integrated Path, its affiliates, and Reasnor.¹⁹

We find that grant of the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ Supplement at 1.