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Joint Application Of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Synergy Re: Technology Partners, Inc. Regarding Transfer of Control

Docket No. 09-00103

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of Petitioners' Supplemental Response to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's Data Request No. 1, Question 1. Petitioners have also transmitted this submission electronically to the Authority. Please stamp a copy of this Response as "filed" and return it to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

R. Wale Drimes, eme by permission

Enclosures

cc:

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Hon. Kenneth C. Hill (w/o endosure)

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Docket 09-00103 Joint Application of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc., and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. Regarding Transfer of Control of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

Tennessee Regulatory Authority Data Request No. 1 to Petitioners, dated August 19, 2009

- Q1. Have the Petitioners filed a similar application with the FCC? If so, list any action taken and the associated docket number. If a schedule to complete the review of your petition has been established by any federal agency, provide such with your response.
- A: Yes. On August 11, 2009, Petitioners filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") seeking FCC consent to the assignment and transfer of control of International Section 214 authority, file number ITC-ASG-20090811-00371 ("International 214 Application"), and an application seeking FCC consent to the transfer of control of wireless licenses held by Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. (FCC Form 603) (file number 0003917876). On August 19, 2009, the FCC issued a public notice accepting Petitioners' wireless application and establishing a 14-day notice period (relevant excerpts attached as Exhibit 1).

On August 12, 2009, Petitioners also filed an application requesting FCC consent for the assignment and transfer of control of Domestic Section 214 authority ("Domestic 214 Application"). On August 14, 2009, the FCC released a public notice accepting Petitioners' Domestic 214 Application for filing and setting a deadline of August 28, 2009 for the filing of comments in WC Docket 09-148 (attached as Exhibit 2). Reply Comments will be due by September 4, 2009. Petitioners' Domestic 214 Application is not eligible for streamlined treatment under FCC rules.

On August 25, 2009, the FCC contacted counsel for the Petitioners and requested that the Petitioners file separate applications to address the assignment and transfer of control of the International Section 214 authority - the first to address the merger of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. with Ardmore Communications, Inc., and a second to address Synergy Technology Partners, Inc.'s stock purchase of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. Pursuant to direction from FCC staff, Petitioners will amend the International 214 Application filed August 11, 2009, to address the merger and will file a new application to address the stock purchase. Petitioners are currently preparing the amendment and application and expect to have both filed with the FCC no later than September 1, 2009. Both applications will be subject to streamlined consideration under applicable FCC rules.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE: In accordance with direction from FCC staff, counsel for Petitioners submitted an amended International 214 Application on August 31, 2009. The transfer of control application, which had to be manually filed, was filed on September 1, 2009. As noted above, both applications will be subject to streamlined consideration under applicable FCC rules. These documents are attached hereto as Supplemental Exhibit 1.

In WC Docket 09-148, the docket opened to address the Domestic 214 Application, the FCC issued a Public Notice setting an August 28, 2009 deadline to submit comments on the application. No comments were submitted in that docket.

Supplemental Exhibit 1



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Re:

Application of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. for Consent to the Transfer of Control of

International 214 Authority ITC-214-20000214-00058

Dear Madam or Sir:

On behalf of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc., enclosed are an original and five (5) copies of their Application for Consent to the Transfer of Control of International 214 Authority. Included in this package are a completed Form 159 and check in the amount of \$1,015.00 to cover the filing fee associated with this application. By an Email on August 25, 2009, to the undersigned counsel, David Krech, Associate Division Chief of the Policy Division of the International Bureau, granted the applicants a waiver of the electronic filing requirement in order to allow the applicants to file this paper copy of the application.

Also enclosed is an additional copy of the application along with a return Federal Express envelope and shipping label for billing the shipment to our account. Kindly date-stamp and return the copy via overnight delivery.

Should you have any questions or require additional information with respect to this matter, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

Enclosures

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- 3. Choose the button next to the classification that best describes this filing. Choose only one.
- a. Assignment of Section 214 Authority

An Assignment of an authorization is a transaction in which the authorization, or a portion of it, is assigned from one entity to another. Following an assignment, the authorization will usually be held by an entity other than the one to which it was originally granted. (See Section 63.24(b).)

- b. Transfer of Control of Section 214 Authority
- A Transfer of Control is a transaction in which the authorization remains held by the same entity, but there is a change in the entity or entities that control the authorization holder. (See Section 63.24(c).)
- C. Notification of Pro Forma Assignment of Section 214 Authority (No fee required)
- d. Notification of Pro Forma Transfer of Control of Section 214 Authority (No fee required) Date of Consummation: Must be completed if you selecct c or d.

4. File Number(s) of Section 214 Authority(ies) for Which You Seek Consent to Assign or Transfer Control. Note: If the Section 214 Authorization Holder whose authority is being assigned or transferred does not have an "ITC" File No. under which it is operating, contact the Help Desk for assistance before proceeding further with this application. You

cannot enter an "ITC-ASG" or "ITC-T/C" File No. in response to this question. Your response must specify one or more "ITC" File Nos. Relevant "ITC-ASG" or "ITC-T/C" File Nos. should be listed only in Attachment 1 in response to Question 10. File File File File File File File File Number:||TC2142000021400058||Number:||Number:||Number:||Number:||Number:||Number: 5. Name of Section 214 Authorization Holder Phone Name: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. 256-423-2131 Number: DBA Name: Fax Number: 256-423-2308 Street: 30190 Ardmore Ave E-Mail: 549 City: Ardmore State: TN Country: USA Zipcode: 38449 -Attention: Terry Wales 6. Name of Assignor / Transferor Phone Name: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. 256-423-2131 Number: DBA Name: Fax Number: 256-423-2308 30190 Ardmore Ave Street: E-Mail: 549 City: Ardmore State: TN Country: USA Zipcode: 38449 -Attention: Terry Wales 7. Name of Assignee / Transferee Phone Name: Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. 270-856-1000 Number: DBA Name: Fax Number: Street: 237 North 8th Street E-Mail: P.O. Box 649 City: Mayfield State: KY Country: USA Zipcode: 42066 -Attention: Trevor R Bonnstetter 8a. Is a fee submitted with this application? If Yes, complete and attach FCC Form 159. If No, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R.Section 1.1114). O Governmental Entity O Noncommercial educational licensee O Notification of Pro Forma (No fee required.) Other(please explain): 8b. You must file a separate application for each legal entity that holds one or more Section 214 authorizations to be assigned or transferred. Fee Classification CUT - Section 214 Authority 9. Description (Summarize the nature of the application.) See attachment 1.

| 10. In Attachment 1, please respond to paragraphs (c) and (d) of Section 63.18 with respect to the assignor/transferor and the assignee/transferee. Label your response "Answer to Question 10". |
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| 11. Does any entity, directly or indirectly, own at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the assignee/transferee as determined by successive multiplication in the manner specified in the note of the Section 63.18(h) of the rules? If you answered "Yes" to this question, provide in Attachment 1, the name, address, citizenship, and principal businesses of each person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the assignee/transferee, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those persons or entities (to the nearest one percent). Label your response "Answer to Question 11." |
| 12. Does the assignee/transferee have any interlocking directorates with a foreign carrier? • Yes • No |
| If you answered "Yes" to this question, identify each interlocking officer/director in Attachment 1. (See Section 63.09(g).) Provide the name and position/title of the individual or entity, the name of the foreign carrier, and the country in which the foreign carrier is authorized to operate. Label your response: "Answer to Question 12." |
| 13. Provide in Attachment 1 a narrative of the means by which the proposed assignment or transfer of control will take place. In circumstances of a substantial assignment or transfer of control pursuant to Section 63.24(e), where the assignor seeks authority to assign only a portion of its U.S. international assets and/or customer base, please specify whether the assignor requests authority to continue to operate under any or all of its international Section 214 File Nos. after consummation; and, if so, please specify in Attachment 1 each File No. it seeks to retain in its own name. Label your response "Answer to Question 13." |
| Note: The assignor may retain any or all of its international Section 214 File Nos. In that case, the assignor will continue to hold the international section 214 authorizations that it specifies in response to this question. The ITC-ASG File No. that the Commission assigns to this application will, when granted, constitute Commission authorization of the proposed assignment of assets and /or customers from the assignor to the assignee. Unless Commission grant of the assignment application specifies otherwise, the assignee may provide the same services on the same routes as permitted under the assignor's Section 214 authorization(s), and the assignee may provide such service to any customers it may obtain in the ordinary course of business. |
| f this filing is not a notification of a <i>pro forma</i> assignment or <i>pro forma</i> transfer of control, please respond to Questions 4-20 below. (See Section 63.24(d).) Otherwise, you may proceed to Question 21 below. |
| 4. Check "Yes" below if the assignee is a foreign carrier or if, upon consummation of the proposed assignment or transfer of control, the Section 214 holder would be affiliated with a coreign carrier. (See Section 63.18 (i).) The terms "foreign carrier" and "affiliated" are defined in Section 63.09 (d) & (e) of the rules respectively. If you answered "Yes" to this question, please specify in Attachment 1 each foreign country in which the assignee is a foreign carrier or in which the Section 214 holder, upon consummation, |
| would be affiliated with a foreign carrier. Label your response, "Answer to Question 14." |
| 5. If this application is granted and the proposed assignment or transfer is consummated, would be Section 214 holder be authorized to provide service to any destination country for which any fifthe following statements is true? Yes No |
| 1) The Section 214 holder is a foreign carrier in that country; or 2) The Section 214 holder controls a foreign carrier in that country; or 3) Any entity that owns more than 25 percent of the Section 214 holder, or that controls the ection 214 holder, controls a foreign carrier in that country. 4) Two or more foreign carriers (or parties that control foreign carriers) own, in the aggregate, nore than 25 percent of the Section 214 holder and are parties to, or the beneficiaries of, a contractual relation (e.g., a joint venture or market alliance) affecting the provision or marketing f international basic telecommunications services in the United States. |
| Fyou answered "Yes" to this question, please specify in Attachment 1 each foreign carrier and puntry for which any of the above statements would be true. Label your response, "Answer to puestion 15." |

16. If you answered "Yes" to question 14, do you request classification of the Section 214 holder

as a "non-dominant" carrier, upon consummation of the proposed transaction, between the United States and any or all countries listed in response to Question 14? See Section 63.10 of the rules.

If you answered "Yes" to this question, you must provide information in Attachment 1 to demonstrate that the Section 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules on each U.S.-destination country route where it would be a foreign carrier, or would be affiliated with a foreign carrier and for which you request non-dominant classification. Label your response, "Answer to Question 16."

17. If you answered "Yes" to question 14 and you have not provided information in response to Question 16 to demonstrate that the Section 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules on each U.S.-destination route where it would be a foreign carrier, or be affiliated with a foreign carrier, check "Yes" below to certify that the assignee/transferee agrees to comply with the dominant carrier safeguards in Section 63.10 (c) & (e) of the rules in the provision of international service between the United States and any foreign country(ies) for which you have not provided the required information.

O Yes, I certify that I agree to comply with the dominant carrier safeguards in Section 63.10 (c) & (e) of the rules in my provision of international service between the United States and the following foreign country(ies):

No, Does not apply.

18. If you answered "Yes" to question 15, and if you have not provided information in response to question 16 to demonstrate that the Section 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules in its provision of service to each of the countries identified in response to question 15, the Section 214 holder may not be eligible to provide international telecommunications service between the U.S. and each such country following consummation of the assignment or transfer. In order to determine whether the public interest would be served by authorizing service on these U.S.-destination country routes, the assignee/transferee must provide information, in Attachment 1, to satisfy one of the showings specified in Section 63.18(k) of the rules. Label your response, "Answer to Question 18."

19. If the assignee, or the Section 214 holder that is the subject of this transfer of control application, is a provider of Commercial Mobile Radio Services, you need not answer this question.

If any of the Section 214 authorization(s) that would be assigned or transferred, authorize the Section 214 holder to resell the international switched services of an unaffiliated U.S. carrier for the purpose of providing international telecommunications services to a country listed in response to question 14, and unless you have provided information in response to question 16 to demonstrate that the Section 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10(a)(3) of the rules for each country, check "Yes" below to certify that the assignee/transferee will file the quarterly traffic reports required by Section 43.61(c) of the rules; and/or state in Attachment 1 that the foreign carrier(s) for which the applicant has not made a showing under Section 63.10(c)(3) do(es) not collect settlement payments from U.S. international carriers. (See Section 63.18(1).)

Yes, I certify that I agree to comply with the quarterly traffic reporting requirements set forth in section 43.61(c) of the rules.

20. If the applicant desires streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, provide in Attachment 1 a statement of how the application qualifies for streamlined processing. (See Section 63.18(p).) Note that, if the application is being filed in connection with a sale of assets or reorganization of a carrier or its parent pursuant to the U.S. bankruptcy laws, the application may not be eligible for streamlined processing until final bankruptcy court approval of the proposed sale or reorganization.

Applicant certifies that its responses to questions 21 through 25 are true:

| 21. The assignee/transferee certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from a foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses sufficient market power on the foreign end of the route to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market and will not enter into any such agreements in the future. | 0 | Yes O No |
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| 22. By signing this application, the undersigned certify either (1) that the authorization(s) will not be assigned or that control of the authorization(s) will not be transferred until the consent of the Federal Communications Commission has been given, or (2) that prior Commission consent is not required because the transaction is subject to the notification procedures for <i>pro forma</i> transactions under Section 63.24 of the rules. The assignee/transferree also acknowledges that the Commission must be notified by letter within 30 days of a consummation or of a decision not to | | Yes O No |

| consummate. (See Section 63.24(e)(4).) | | |
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| 23. If this filing is a notification of a <i>pro forma</i> assignment or transfer of control, the undersigned certify that the assignment or transfer of control was <i>pro forma</i> and that, together with all previous <i>pro forma</i> transactions, does not result in a change in the actual controlling party. | • | Yes O No Not a Pro Forma |
| 24. The undersigned certify that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith. | 0 | Yes O No |
| 25. The assignee/transferee certifies that neither it nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 12½ 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See Section 1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR 12½ 1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification. | | Yes O No |

CERTIFICATION

| 26. Printed Name of Assignor / Transferor Terry Wales | 29. Printed Name of Assignee / Transferee Trevor Bonnstetter | | | |
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| 27. Title (Office Held by Person Signing) General Manager | 30. Title (Office Held by Person Signing) President | | | |
| 28. Signature (Enter the name of the person who will sign the paper version of this form for retention in their files) Terry Wales | 31. Signature (Enter the name of the person who will sign the paper version of this form for retention in their files) Trevor Bonnstetter () () | | | |
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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.24(e) AND INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 FORM

By this application, Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. ("Ardmore" or "Transferor") on behalf of the shareholders of Ardmore, and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. ("Synergy" or "Transferee") seek Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") consent for the transfer of control of the international Section 214 authority to be acquired by Ardmore pursuant to its planned merger with its sister company, Ardmore Communications, LLC ("Ardmore Communications"). The instant application is part of a larger transaction in which Synergy will acquire control of Ardmore and its related operations, including the authorization to provide international global resale services currently held by Ardmore Communications (File Number ITC-214-20000214-00058).

Synergy is a newly-formed corporation owned equally by West Kentucky Rural

Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. ("West Kentucky") and Ben Lomand Rural Telephone

Cooperative, Inc. ("Ben Lomand"). Synergy has agreed to purchase all of the outstanding stock

of Ardmore in a cash-for-stock transaction, and Ardmore will become a direct, wholly-owned

subsidiary of Synergy.² Immediately prior to, but in conjunction with the sale of the Ardmore

stock to Synergy, Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore with Ardmore

being the surviving company and Ardmore Communications ceasing to exist. As a result of the

¹ The parties have requested FCC authority for the transfer of control of domestic Section 214 authority to Synergy. *See* WC Docket 09-148.

² See Stock Purchase Agreement by and among West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Synergy Technology Partners, Inc., and Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc., et al. (June 19, 2009) ("Stock Purchase Agreement").

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merger, Ardmore will acquire the international Section 214 authority currently held by Ardmore Communications. Synergy will then acquire all of the stock of Ardmore. Accordingly, as of the consummation of the proposed two-step transaction, Synergy will own 100% of Ardmore and will acquire control of Ardmore's domestic and international Section 214 authorizations. The proposed two-step transaction thus involves a merger/assignment of the international 214 authority from Ardmore Communications to Ardmore, and a subsequent transfer of control of Ardmore to Synergy.

(a) Applicant's Name, Address and Telephone Number

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³ Ardmore and Ardmore Communications are concurrently herewith filing an application via the IBFS requesting FCC consent to the assignment of international Section 214 authority from Ardmore Communications to Ardmore. Because Ardmore currently does not hold the international Section 214 authority, the instant transfer application is being filed as a paper copy pursuant to the instructions of staff and a waiver of the electronic filing requirement.

(b) State of Organization:

- (1) Ardmore is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- (2) Ardmore Communications is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Tennessee.
- (3) Synergy is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- (4) West Kentucky is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kentucky.
- (5) Ben Lomand is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

Answer to Question 10

(c) Contact Information

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

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(d) International Authorizations Held

Transferor: Ardmore currently does not hold international Section 214 authority, but will be acquiring authority to provide international global resale services from Ardmore Communications (File Number ITC-214-20000214-00058) in the first step of the proposed two-step transaction. Ardmore currently holds an authorization to provide domestic telecommunications pursuant to Section 214. Specifically, Ardmore provides local exchange telephone service, and exchange access service in five (5) exchanges in two (2) counties in south central Tennessee and two (2) counties in north central Alabama around Huntsville, Alabama. Ardmore serves as a billing and collections agent for long distance providers, including, among others, its sister company, Ardmore Communications.

Transferee: Synergy is a newly-formed corporation and does not hold international Section 214 authority. Ben Lomand holds an authorization pursuant to Section 214 to provide international global resale services (File No. ITC-214-19940331-00127). West Kentucky's wholly-owned subsidiary, West Kentucky Networks, Inc., also holds authorizations pursuant to Section 214 to provide international global resale services (File Nos. ITC-214-19981123-00814 and ITC-214-20000110-00009).

Answer to Question 11 - Ten Percent Equity Holders (63.18(h))

The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of Ardmore prior to the proposed sale of stock to Synergy (and the equity held to the nearest 1%) are:

| Name & Address | Percent Equity/Vote | Citizenship | Principal Business |
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The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of Synergy (and the equity held to the nearest 1%) are

| Name and Address | Percent Equity/Vote | Citizenship | Principal Business |
|---|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. | 50 | KY Corp. | Telecommunications |

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TN Corp. Telecommunications

West Kentucky is a Kentucky telephone cooperative owned by its member-subscribers. No member-subscriber owns a 10% or greater interest.

Ben Lomand is a Tennessee telephone cooperative owned by its member-subscribers. No member-subscriber owns a 10% or greater interest.

Answer to Question 13

The proposed transfer of control will take place in the following manner. Synergy will purchase all of the outstanding shares of stock of Ardmore in a cash-for-stock transaction, and Ardmore will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Synergy. Immediately prior to the acquisition of the stock, however, Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore. Accordingly, as of the consummation of the proposed two-step transaction, Synergy will own 100% of Ardmore and will acquire control of Ardmore's domestic and international Section 214 authorizations. Ardmore will continue to exist and will continue to provide service to its customers and to the former customers of Ardmore Communications upon the same rates, terms and conditions as immediately prior to the transaction.

Answer to Question 20--Streamlined Processing (63.18(p) and 63.12)

This Application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because no party to the Application is (1) affiliated with any foreign carrier; (2) affiliated with any dominant U.S. carrier whose international switched or private line services

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it seeks to resell; and (3) requesting authority to provide switched service over private lines to countries not previously authorized for service by the Commission.

Public Interest Statement

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, by providing significant benefits to the customers of Ardmore without any countervailing harms. Post transaction, Ardmore will continue to provide high-quality services to its customers. The acquisition of Ardmore by Synergy will, however, bring together the experience and resources of two companies with a long history of providing service to customers in predominantly rural areas and smaller markets: West Kentucky and Ben Lomand. The transaction will allow Ardmore to achieve greater efficiencies and economies of scale and scope than if it were to continue to operate alone. This will enhance its ability to adapt and to provide its customers a full portfolio of advanced communications services.

Consistent with precedent, the proposed transaction will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity by strengthening Ardmore and by directly benefiting all affected consumers. Accordingly, the Commission should approve the proposed transaction expeditiously.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.24(e) AND INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 FORM

By this application, Ardmore Communications, LLC ("Ardmore Communications" or "Assignor") and Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. ("Ardmore" or "Assignee") seek Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") consent to the assignment of international Section 214 authority (File Number ITC-214-20000214-00058) from Ardmore Communications to Ardmore pursuant to a merger of the two companies. Specifically, Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore in a statutory merger with Ardmore being the surviving company and Ardmore Communications ceasing to exist.

The instant application is part of a larger transaction in which Synergy Technology

Partners, Inc. ("Synergy") will acquire control of Ardmore and its related operations. Synergy
is a newly-formed corporation owned equally by West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative

Corporation, Inc. ("West Kentucky") and Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Ben

Lomand"). Synergy has agreed to purchase all of the outstanding stock of Ardmore in a cashfor-stock transaction, and Ardmore will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Synergy.
Immediately prior to, but in conjunction with the sale of the Ardmore stock to Synergy, Ardmore

Communications and Ardmore will merge with Ardmore being the surviving company. As a

result of the merger, Ardmore will acquire the international Section 214 authority currently held

¹ The parties have requested FCC authority for the transfer of control of domestic Section 214 authority to Synergy. *See* WC Docket 09-148.

² See Stock Purchase Agreement by and among West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Synergy Technology Partners, Inc., and Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc., et al. (June 19, 2009) ("Stock Purchase Agreement").

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by Ardmore Communications. Immediately thereafter, Synergy will acquire all of the stock of Ardmore. Accordingly, as of the consummation of the proposed two-step transaction, Synergy will own 100% of Ardmore and will acquire control of Ardmore's domestic and international Section 214 authorizations.³

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(b) State of Organization:

(1) Ardmore is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

(2) Ardmore Communications is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Tennessee.

³ Ardmore and Synergy are concurrently herewith filing an application requesting FCC consent to the transfer of control of the international Section 214 authority from Ardmore to Synergy once Ardmore acquires the authorization from Admore Communications. Because Ardmore currently does not hold the international Section 214 authority, however, that transfer application is being filed as a paper copy pursuant to the instructions of staff and a waiver of the electronic filing requirement.

Answer to Question 10

(c) Contact Information

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(d) International Authorizations Held

Assignor: Ardmore Communications holds international Section 214 authority to provide international global resale services (File Number ITC-214-20000214-00058).

Assignee: Ardmore currently does not hold international Section 214 authority. Ardmore currently holds authorization to provide domestic telecommunications pursuant to Section 214. Specifically, Ardmore provides local exchange telephone service, and exchange access service in five (5) exchanges in two (2) counties in south central Tennessee and two (2) counties in north central Alabama around Huntsville, Alabama. Ardmore serves as a billing and collections agent for long distance providers, including among others, Ardmore Communications.

Answer to Question 11 – Ten Percent Equity Holders (63.18(h))

The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten percent (10%) of the equity of Ardmore Communications (and the equity held to the nearest 1%) prior to the proposed transaction are⁴:

| Name & Address | Percent Equity/Vote | Citizenship | Principal Business |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| The Katherine Moss Rogers | 8 | U.S. | Homemaker |
| Irrevocable Trust Dated | | | |
| December 30, 1994, | | | |
| Judy P. Rogers, Trustee | | | |

⁴ Ardmore Communications is owned and controlled by the same three families that own Ardmore. The members of Ardmore Communications are either the same individuals as the shareholders of Ardmore, the children of such shareholders, or trusts established for the benefit of the children of such shareholders.

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| The King W. Rogers, IV Irrevocable Trust dated December 30, 1994, Judy P. Rogers, Trustee | 8 | U.S. | Homemaker |
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| Chris Nunn P.O. Box 8 101 Main Street Halls, TN 38040 | 17 | U.S. | Banking |
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The name, address, citizenship and principal business of any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of Ardmore (and the equity held to the nearest 1%) are:

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| Clyde Warren Nunn P.O Box 8 101 Main Street Halls, TN 38040 | 30 | U.S. | Banking |

Answer to Question 13

The proposed transaction will take place in the following manner. In the first step – the step that is the subject of this application – Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore in a statutory merger with Ardmore being the surviving company and Ardmore Communications ceasing to exist. Ardmore will continue to provide service to the former customers of Ardmore Communications upon the same rates, terms and conditions as immediately prior to the transaction, and the companies will comply with the streamlined requirements of Rule Section 64.1120(e).

Immediately following the merger, Synergy will purchase all of the outstanding shares of stock of Ardmore in a cash-for-stock transaction, and Ardmore will become a direct, wholly-

owned subsidiary of Synergy. Accordingly, as of the consummation of the proposed two-step transaction, Synergy will own 100% of Ardmore and will acquire control of Ardmore's domestic and international Section 214 authorizations. Ardmore will continue to exist and will continue to provide service to its customers and to the former customers of Ardmore Communications upon the same rates, terms and conditions as immediately prior to the transaction.

Answer to Question 20--Streamlined Processing (63.18(p) and 63.12)

This Application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because no party to the Application is (1) affiliated with any foreign carrier; (2) affiliated with any dominant U.S. carrier whose international switched or private line services it seeks to resell; and (3) requesting authority to provide switched service over private lines to countries not previously authorized for service by the Commission.

Public Interest Statement

The proposed transaction will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, by making possible the overall transaction and acquisition of Ardmore by Synergy. This will provide significant benefits to the customers of Ardmore, and the former customers of Ardmore Communications, without any countervailing harms. Post transaction, Ardmore will continue to provide high-quality services to its customers and the former customers of Ardmore Communications. The acquisition of Ardmore by Synergy will, however, bring together the experience and resources of two companies with a long history of providing service to customers in predominantly rural areas and smaller markets: West Kentucky and Ben Lomand. The transaction will allow Ardmore to achieve greater efficiencies and economies of scale and scope

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than if it were to continue to operate alone. This will enhance its ability to adapt and to provide

its customers a full portfolio of advanced communications services.

Consistent with precedent, the proposed transaction will serve the public interest,

convenience, and necessity by strengthening Ardmore and by directly benefiting all affected

consumers. Accordingly, the Commission should approve the proposed transaction

expeditiously.

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CLASSIFICATION OF FILING

3. Choose the button next to the classification that best describes this filing. Choose only one.

a. Assignment of Section 214 Authority

An Assignment of an authorization is a transaction in which the authorization, or a portion of it, is assigned from one entity to another. Following an assignment, the authorization will usually be held by an entity other than the one to which it was originally granted. (See Section 63.24(b).)

O b. Transfer of Control of Section 214 Authority

A Transfer of Control is a transaction in which the authorization remains held by the same entity, but there is a change in the entity or entities that control the authorization holder. (See Section 63.24(c).)

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{O}}\ c.$ Notification of Pro Forma Assignment of Section 214 Authority (No fee required)

Q d. Notification of Pro Forma Transfer of Control of Section 214 Authority (No fee required)

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| | Name: | Ardmore Communications, LLC | nications, LLC | Phone Number: | 256-423-2131 | | |
| | DBA Name: | | | Fax Number: | 256-423-2308 | | |
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| | City: | Ardmore | | State: | NI | | |
| | Country: | USA | | Zipcode: | 38449 | | |
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| 6. Name of Assignor / Transferor | Name: | DBA Name: | Street: | City: Country: | Attention: |

| 7. Name of Assignee / Transferee | | | |
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| Name: | Ardmore Telephone Company Inc | Phone Number: | 256–423–2131 |
| DBA Name: | | Fax Number: | 256-423-2308 |
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| Attention: | Mr. Terry Wales | | |
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| Other(please explain): | | | |
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10. In Attachment 1, please respond to paragraphs (c) and (d) of Section 63.18 with respect to the assignor/transferor and the assignee/transferee. Wes O No O Yes No (If the complete description does not appear in this box, please go to the end of the form to view it in its entirety.) 11. Does any entity, directly or indirectly, own at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the assignee/transferee as 63.09(g).) Provide the name and position/title of the individual or entity, the name of the foreign carrier, and the If you answered "Yes" to this question, identify each interlocking officer/director in Attachment 1. (See Section assignee/transferee, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those persons or entities (to the nearest one businesses of each person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least ten (10) percent of the equity of the determined by successive multiplication in the manner specified in the note to Section 63.18(h) of the rules? If you answered "Yes" to this question, provide in Attachment 1, the name, address, citizenship, and principal country in which the foreign carrier is authorized to operate. Label your response: "Answer to Question 12." 12. Does the assignee/transferee have any interlocking directorates with a foreign carrier? percent). Label your response "Answer to Question 11." 9. Description (Summarize the nature of the application.) Label your response "Answer to Question 10". See Attachment

of a substantial assignment or transfer of control pursuant to Section 63.24(e), where the assignor seeks authority to assign only a portion of its 13. Provide in Attachment 1 a narrative of the means by which the proposed assignment or transfer of control will take place. In circumstances U.S. international assets and/or customer base, please specify whether the assignor requests authority to continue to operate under any or all of its international Section 214 File Nos. after consummation; and, if so, please specify in Attachment 1 each File No. it seeks to retain in its own name. Label your response "Answer to Question 13."

international section 214 authorizations that it specifies in response to this question. The ITC-ASG File No. that the Commission assigns to this to the assignee. Unless Commission grant of the assignment application specifies otherwise, the assignee may provide the same services on the same routes as permitted under the assignor's Section 214 authorization(s), and the assignee may provide such service to any customers it may application will, when granted, constitute Commission authorization of the proposed assignment of assets and /or customers from the assignor Note: The assignor may retain any or all of its international Section 214 File Nos. In that case, the assignor will continue to hold the obtain in the ordinary course of business.

If this filing is not a notification of a pro forma assignment or pro forma transfer of control, please respond to Questions 14-20 below. (See Section 63.24(d).) Otherwise, you may proceed to Question 21 below.

O Yes No 14. Check "Yes" below if the assignee is a foreign carrier or if, upon consummation of the proposed assignment or transfer of control, the Section 214 holder would be affiliated with a foreign carrier. (See Section 63.18 (i).) The terms "foreign carrier" and "affiliated" are defined in Section 63.09 (d) & (e) of the rules respectively.

If you answered "Yes" to this question, please specify in Attachment 1 each foreign country in which the assignee is a foreign carrier or in which the Section 214 holder, upon consummation, would be affiliated with a foreign carrier. Label your response, "Answer to Question 14." 15. If this application is granted and the proposed assignment or transfer is consummated, would the Section 214 holder be authorized to provide service to any destination country for which any of the following statements is

O Yes ® No

(1) The Section 214 holder is a foreign carrier in that country; or

(2) The Section 214 holder controls a foreign carrier in that country; or

(3) Any entity that owns more than 25 percent of the Section 214 holder, or that controls the Section 214 holder, controls a foreign carrier in that country.

venture or market alliance) affecting the provision or marketing of international basic telecommunications services percent of the Section 214 holder and are parties to, or the beneficiaries of, a contractual relation (e.g., a joint (4) Two or more foreign carriers (or parties that control foreign carriers) own, in the aggregate, more than 25 in the United States.

If you answered "Yes" to this question, please specify in Attachment 1 each foreign carrier and country for which any of the above statements would be true. Label your response, "Answer to Question 15."

dominant" carrier, upon consummation of the proposed transaction, between the United States and any or all 16. If you answered "Yes" to question 14, do you request classification of the Section 214 holder as a "noncountries listed in response to Question 14? See Section 63.10 of the rules.

Section 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules on each U.S.destination country route where it would be a foreign carrier, or would be affiliated with a foreign carrier and for If you answered "Yes" to this question, you must provide information in Attachment 1 to demonstrate that the which you request non-dominant classification. Label your response, "Answer to Question 16." 17. If you answered "Yes" to question 14 and you have not provided information in response to Question 16 to demonstrate that the Section 214 dominant carrier safeguards in Section 63.10 (c) & (e) of the rules in the provision of international service between the United States and any holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules on each U.S.-destination route where it would be a foreign carrier, or be affiliated with a foreign carrier, check "Yes" below to certify that the assignee/transferee agrees to comply with the foreign country(ies) for which you have not provided the required information.

 \bullet Yes, I certify that I agree to comply with the dominant carrier safeguards in Section 63.10 (c) & (e) of the rules in my provision of international service between the United States and the following foreign country(ies):

No, Does not apply.

the U.S. and each such country following consummation of the assignment or transfer. In order to determine whether the public interest would 18. If you answered "Yes" to question 15, and if you have not provided information in response to question 16 to demonstrate that the Section identified in response to question 15, the Section 214 holder may not be eligible to provide international telecommunications service between be served by authorizing service on these U.S.-destination country routes, the assignee/transferee must provide information, in Attachment 1, 214 holder would qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10 of the rules in its provision of service to each of the countries to satisfy one of the showings specified in Section 63.18(k) of the rules. Label your response, "Answer to Question 18." 19. If the assignee, or the Section 214 holder that is the subject of this transfer of control application, is a provider of Commercial Mobile Radio Services, you need not answer this question.

response to question 14, and unless you have provided information in response to question 16 to demonstrate that the Section 214 holder would assignee/transferee will file the quarterly traffic reports required by Section 43.61(c) of the rules; and/or state in Attachment 1 that the foreign switched services of an unaffiliated U.S. carrier for the purpose of providing international telecommunications services to a country listed in If any of the Section 214 authorization(s) that would be assigned or transferred, authorize the Section 214 holder to resell the international carrier(s) for which the applicant has not made a showing under Section 63.10(c)(3) do(es) not collect settlement payments from U.S. qualify for non-dominant classification under Section 63.10(a)(3) of the rules for each country, check "Yes" below to certify that the international carriers. (See Section 63.18(1).)

• Yes, I certify that I agree to comply with the quarterly traffic reporting requirements set forth in section 43.61(c) of the rules.

application qualifies for streamlined processing. (See Section 63.18(p).) Note that, if the application is being filed in connection with a sale of Not a Pro Forma 20. If the applicant desires streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, provide in Attachment 1 a statement of how the assets or reorganization of a carrier or its parent pursuant to the U.S. bankruptcy laws, the application may not be eligible for streamlined O Ves O No 21. The assignee/transferee certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from a Commission has been given, or (2) that prior Commission consent is not required because the transaction is subject to the notification procedures for pro forma transactions under Section 63.24 of the rules. The assignee/transferee power on the foreign end of the route to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market and will not enter into any 23. If this filing is a notification of a pro forma assignment or transfer of control, the undersigned certify that the 22. By signing this application, the undersigned certify either (1) that the authorization(s) will not be assigned or assignment or transfer of control was pro forma and that, together with all previous pro forma transactions, does foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses sufficient market also acknowledges that the Commission must be notified by letter within 30 days of a consummation or of a that control of the authorization(s) will not be transferred until the consent of the Federal Communications processing until final bankruptcy court approval of the proposed sale or reorganization. Applicant certifies that its responses to questions 21 through 25 are true: decision not to consummate. (See Section 63.24(e)(4).) not result in a change in the actual controlling party. such agreements in the future.

| 24. The undersigned certify that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith. | ● Yes O No |
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| 25. The assignee/transferee certifies that neither it nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. i, i/3 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See Section 1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR i, i/2 1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification. | ● Yes O No |
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CERTIFICATION

| 26. Printed Name of Assignor / Transferor Terry Wales | 29. Printed Name of Assignee / Transferee Terry Wales |
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| 27. Title (Office Held by Person Signing) Chief Manager | 30. Title (Office Held by Person Signing) General Manager |
| 28. Signature (Enter the name of the person who will sign the paper version of this form for retention in their files) Terry Wales | 31. Signature (Enter the name of the person who will sign the paper version of this form for retention in their files) Terry Wales |
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