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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Chairman Sara Kyle c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Joint Application Of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. and Synergy

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' Third 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,

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R. Dale Grimes

### Enclosures

cc:

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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.

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE:** On September 14, 2009, the FCC issued a Public Notice consenting to the assignment and transfer of control of domestic Section 214

authority in connection with the Merger of Ardmore Communications, LLC (Ardmore Communications) and Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. (Ardmore) and the transfer of control of Ardmore to Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. (Synergy). The Public Notice regarding the granting of the Domestic 214 Application is attached hereto as Second Supplemental Exhibit 1.

Previously, on September 11, 2009, the FCC issued a Public Notice, "Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing" in which the FCC accepted for filing the application of Ardmore Communications and Ardmore for "consent to the assignment of international section 214 authorization" requested "[p]ursuant to the terms of an underlying merger transaction, [whereby] Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore, with Ardmore emerging as the surviving entity." In the same Public Notice, the FCC also accepted for filing Ardmore's application seeking FCC consent to the transfer of control of international Section 214 authority from Ardmore to Synergy. Pursuant to the September 11<sup>th</sup> Public Notice, both international 214 applications will be automatically granted September 25, 2009, unless the applications are formally opposed or the Commission subsequently deems the applications ineligible for streamlined treatment by that date. The Public Notice regarding the streamlined treatment of the two International 214 Applications is attached hereto as Second Supplemental Exhibit 2.

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE: On September 16, 2009, the FCC issued a Public Notice (attached hereto as Third Supplemental Exhibit 1) granting consent to the transfer of control of wireless licenses held by Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. to Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. (FCC Form 603) (file number 0003917876). This leaves only

the International 214 Applications outstanding with the FCC, which have a September 25, 2009 deadline, whereupon the FCC will automatically grant the applications unless the applications are formally opposed or the Commission subsequently deems the applications ineligible for streamlined treatment by that date. To date, no comments have been filed.

# Third Supplemental Exhibit 1

Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

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### **Wireless Telecommunications Bureau**

Assignment of License Authorization Applications, Transfer of Control of Licensee Applications,

De Facto Transfer Lease Applications and Spectrum Manager Lease Notifications,

Designated Entity Reportable Eligibility Event Applications, and Designated Entity Annual Reports

Action

This Public Notice contains a listing of applications that have been acted upon by the Commission.

## Assignment of License Authorization Applications and Transfer of Control of Licensee Applications

Purpose File Number		Parties		Action Date	Action
WD	0003095125	Assignor:	Wimbledon/Courtenay Public School	09/11/2009	W
		Assignee:	Barnes County North Consolidated School District		

### **Full Assignment**

Call Sign or Lead Call Sign: WLX902

Radio Service Code(s)

ED

Purpose File Number		Parties	Action Date	Action	
AA	0003917427	Assignor:	Crossroads Wireless, Inc., Debtor-In-Possession	09/10/2009	М
		Assignee:	Chickasaw Wireless, Inc.		

### **Full Assignment**

Call Sign or Lead Call Sign: KNLG656

Radio Service Code(s)

CW

0003917876 TC

Licensee:

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

09/14/2009

Transferor: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

**Transferee:** Synergy Technology Partners, Inc.

**Transfer of Control** 

Call Sign or Lead Call Sign: KPB295

Radio Service Code(s)

CD

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AA 0003920619 Assignor:

eLandia Technologies, Inc.

09/10/2009

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Assignee:

SAL Spectrum LLC

**Full Assignment** 

Call Sign or Lead Call Sign: WPOJ804

Radio Service Code(s)

CW

TC 0003922111 Licensee:

Vista License Holdings, L.L.C.

09/10/2009

Transferor: Valley Communications, LLC

Transferee: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

**Transfer of Control** 

Call Sign or Lead Call Sign: WQEM962

Radio Service Code(s)

CW