30-day State Notification for Numbering Resources

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Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's FCC 15-70 Order, allowing interconnected VoIP providers to obtain resources directly from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and/or the Pooling Administrator, RGTN USA hereby notifies this Commission of its intent to request the resources identified below (or in attached). We are providing this notice at least 30 days prior to requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators.[1]

In addition, below is our regulatory and numbering contact information as required[2]:

Regulatory Representative

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Further, we understand that we must provide any changes to the contact information within thirty (30) days.

/s/
Leonardus Herps

[1] 47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (3).

[2] 47 CFR § 52.15 (g) (3) (iv).

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INTERCONNECTED VOIP NUMBERING AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION OF RGTN USA, INC. GRANTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 52.15(g) OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

WC Docket No. 23-335

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants an application filed by RGTN USA, Inc., (RGTN), pursuant to section 52.15(g)(3) of the Commission's rules, seeking authorization to obtain North American Numbering Plan telephone numbers directly from the Numbering Administrator.[1]

Due to the foreign ownership of the Applicant, the Bureau initially determined that further review was required to evaluate whether granting the Application served the public interest, and therefore established a non-streamlined pleading cycle.[2] The Bureau referred the Application on December 15, 2023, to the relevant Executive Branch agencies for their views on any national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, or trade policy concerns related to the foreign ownership of the Applicant.[3] On January 2, 2024, the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) notified the Commission that it was reviewing the Application for any national security and law enforcement concerns that may be raised by the foreign

[1] *See* Application of RGTN USA, Inc. for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 23-335 (filed Nov. 17, 2023), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/111754529215/1 (*Application*); Supplement of RGTN USA, Inc. for Authorization to Obtain Numbering Resources, WC Docket No. 23-335 (filed Dec. 7, 2023), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/12072721728834/1 (*Supplement*); 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3).

[2] RGTN disclosed that it has 10% or greater foreign ownership. *See Application*, Exh. D. (listing country of citizenship as the Netherlands, with 100% ownership via Leonardus Aldegonda Johannes Herps, CEO, and Katrin Herps-Oskomic, Shareholder); *see also* N. Am. Numbering Council, Report on Foreign Ownership of Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol Applicants, at 3-5 (June 29, 2017), http://nanc-chair.org/docs/mtg_docs/Jun17_NANC_Report_on_Foreign_Ownership_of_Interconnected_VOIP_Applicants.pdf (citing potential public interest concerns, including fraud and exhaust of numbering resources, and concerns surrounding consumer protection and U.S. telecommunications network operations); *see also* 47 CFR § 52.15(g)(3).

[3] *See Interconnected VoIP Numbering Authorization Application Filed by RGTN USA, Inc. Pursuant to Section 52.15(g)(3) of the Commission's Rules, Non-Streamlined Pleading Cycle Established*, WC Docket No. 23-335, Public Notice at 1, (WCB 2023), https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/12150493101190 (*Accepted for Filing Public Notice*). No party filed comments in opposition to a grant of the Application.

ownership and requested that the Commission defer action on the Application.[4] As requested, we deferred action on the Application.[5]

On March 21, 2024, the Committee notified the Commission that the Applicant had provided complete responses to initial questions posed by the Committee and that the Committee was conducting an initial 120-day review to assess whether grant of the Application would pose a risk to the national security or law enforcement interests of the United States.[6] On June 27, 2024, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Committee, filed a letter stating that the Committee has reviewed the Application and "has no recommendation at this time to the Commission approving the [A]pplication and no objection to the Commission granting it."[7]

The Bureau now has concluded its review and has determined that the Application raises no public interest concerns warranting further consideration at this time, and hereby grants RGTN's Application for direct access to numbering resources.

Effective Grant Date: July 30, 2024

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.

For further information, please contact Jordan M. Reth, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at Jordan.Reth@fcc.gov.

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[4] *See* Letter from Nadia Asancheyev, Attorney Advisor, Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission at 1 (Jan. 2, 2024) (on file at https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10102097467806/1).

[5] *See id*. at 2.

[6] *See* Letter from Nadia Asancheyev, Attorney Advisor, Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission at 1 (Mar. 21, 2024) (on file at https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10321947518187/1).

[7] *See* Letter from Stephanie Weiner, Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, to Troy Tanner, Acting Chief, Office of International Affairs, Federal Communications Commission at 1 (Jun. 27, 2024) (on file https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/10627135365879/1).