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> May 19, 2023 Via Web Filing

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Capitol Building, 1st Floor Pierre, SD 57501

RE: BullsEye Telecom, Inc. and Lingo Telecom, LLC Joint Notice of Internal Reorganization and Transfer of Customers

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find the above referenced Joint Notice submitted on behalf of BullsEye Telecom, Inc. and Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a VarTec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Impact Telecom d/b/a Americatel d/b/a Lingo d/b/a Bullseye.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to the attention of Suzanne Pagana at 407-740-3012 or via email to spagana@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carey Roesel

Carey Roesel Consultant

cc: Alex Valencia (Via E-Mail) - Lingo tms: SDx2302

Enclosures CR/sp

### Joint Notice of Internal Reorganization of

### **BullsEye Telecom, Inc.**

and

# Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a VarTec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Impact Telecom d/b/a Americatel d/b/a Lingo d/b/a Bullseye

#### and

### **Transfer of Customers**

Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a Trinsic Communications d/b/a VarTec Telecom d/b/a Excel Telecommunications d/b/a Impact Telecom d/b/a Americatel d/b/a Lingo d/b/a Bullseye ("Lingo Telecom") and BullsEye Telecom, Inc. ("BullsEye"), collectively the "Parties", hereby provide notice to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") of an internal reorganization that will result in (1) a planned transfer of customers from BullsEye to its affiliate Lingo Telecom effective July 1, 2023 and (2) the cancelation of the South Dakota Certificate of Authority ("COA") of BullsEye upon completion of the customer transfer. Following completion of the customer transfer, BullsEye will no longer operate within South Dakota and a request will be submitted to the Commission to cancel the COA of BullsEye.

## I. The Parties

BullsEye is a Michigan corporation formed on March 4, 1997. Its principal office is located at 25925 Telegraph Road, Suite 210, Southfield, MI 48033. In South Dakota, Bullseye was granted authority as a provider of local and interexchange telecommunications services in Docket TC05-008. BullsEye is a direct subsidiary of Lingo Management, LLC ("Lingo") and an indirect subsidiary of Lingo Communications, LLC and B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC.

Lingo Telecom is a Texas limited liability company originally incorporated on June 13, 1990 as Matrix Telecom, Inc. and converted to a limited liability company on December 28, 2015. Its principal office is located at 25925 Telegraph Road, Suite 210, Southfield, MI 48033. In South Dakota, Lingo Telecom was authorized as a provider of interexchange telecommunications services in Docket TC91-017 and as a provider of local exchange telecommunications services in Docket TC07-006. Lingo Telecom is a direct subsidiary of Impact Telecom, LLC and an indirect subsidiary of Lingo, Lingo Communications, LLC, and B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC.

## **II.** The Transaction

As part of an internal corporate reorganization, the South Dakota customers of BullsEye are set to transfer to its affiliate Lingo Telecom on July 1, 2023. This is a *pro forma* assignment of customers between two affiliates with the same entities holding the controlling interest in both Bullseye and Lingo Telecom. <u>Exhibit A</u> contains an overview of the corporate structure of Lingo and its subsidiaries prior to and upon completion of the merger and transfer of customers.

Following the transfer, BullsEye customers will be served by Lingo Telecom and BullsEye will no longer operate within South Dakota.

A notice of consummation and request for cancelation of the COA of BullsEye will be submitted to the Commission upon completion of the customer transfer.

# **III.** Customer Impact

BullsEye provides service to contracted enterprise business customers only. The transition from BullsEye to Lingo Telecom, which operates under the fictitious name of "Bullseye", will be transparent. BullsEye customers will not incur any charges or immediate changes to services, terms and conditions, or rates as a result of the transfer to BullsEye's affiliate, Lingo Telecom. Customer notice of the transfer began running in BullsEye invoices on February 17, 2023 and will continue to run thru June 2023. Following the customer transfer BullsEye customer invoices will continue to be issued under the BullsEye brand. Included as <u>Exhibit B</u> is a copy of the customer notice being provided to the South Dakota customers of BullsEye.

### **IV.** Request for Waiver

The Parties respectfully request a waiver of any slamming regulations regarding the transfer of customer bases. BullsEye and Lingo Telecom are affiliates under the same management with the transfer being invisible to customers. Following the transfer BullsEye customers will continue to receive service under the same terms, conditions, and rates and will continue to be billed under the "Bullseye" brand. The FCC has stated that "…a change in corporate structure that is invisible to the affected subscribers does not constitute a sale or transfer for purposes of section 258 … Indeed, in such cases, requiring notice of a change that is imperceptible to the affected subscribers might cause confusion where there would otherwise be none." <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> First Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-257 and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 94-129, 2000 Biennial Review
- Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers Long Distance Carriers, FCC 01-156.

# V. Contact Information

Correspondence with regard to this filing should be sent to:

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with a copy sent to

Alex Valencia Chief Compliance Officer Lingo Telecom, LLC and BullsEye Telecom, Inc. 25925 Telegraph Rd., Suite 210 Southfield, MI 48033 Telephone: 972-910-1900 Facsimile: 866-418-9750 Email: alex.valencia@lingo.com

#### VI. Public Interest Statement

The proposed customer transfer is an internal corporate reorganization that will reduce costs and provide enhanced operational and economic efficiencies. The resulting savings will provide greater opportunities to improve the services available to South Dakota customers. Consequently, this transaction is consistent with the public interest.

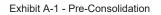
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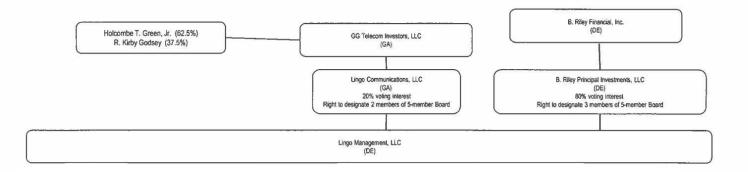
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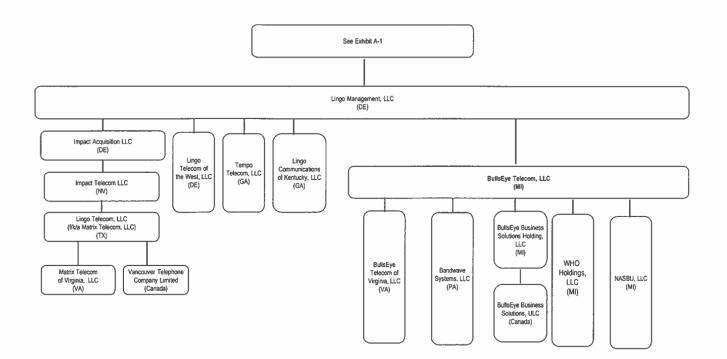
BullsEye Telecom, Inc.

<u>Exhibit A</u> Corporate Structure

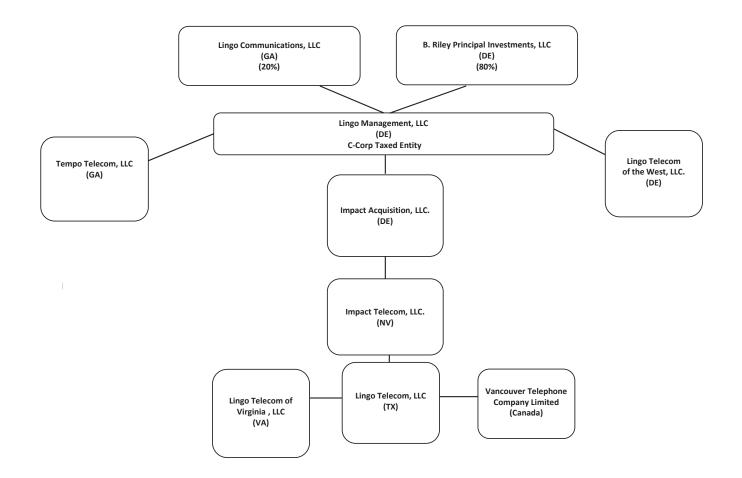








### Exhibit A-3 Post-Consolidation



Lingo Telecom, LLC

BullsEye Telecom, Inc.

<u>Exhibit B</u> Customer Notice

# **Customer Notice**

Customer Notice – Transfer of customers from BullsEye Telecom, Inc. to Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a BullsEye. Please note that your BullsEye services will be provided by Lingo Telecom, LLC d/b/a BullsEye effective July 1, 2023. There will be no changes to your service and there will be no change in your terms and conditions or rates. You may find all applicable terms and conditions of service and tariffs, located at https://www.lingo.com/legal.