

**BEFORE THE
UTAH PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Joint Application of)
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UPH Holdings, Inc.,)
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UPH Acquisition Sub Inc.,)
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Pac-West Acquisition Company, LLC,) **Docket No. _____**
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and)
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Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.)
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For Consent to Transfer Control of)
Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.)

JOINT APPLICATION TO TRANSFER CONTROL

UPH Holdings, Inc. (“UPH”), UPH Acquisition Sub Inc. (“UPH-AS”), Pac-West Acquisition Company, LLC (“PWAC”), and Pac-West Telecomm, Inc. (“Pac-West” and together with UPH, UPH-AS, and PWAC, “Applicants”), by their counsel and pursuant to Sections 54-4-29 of the Utah Code, Rule 746-349-7 of the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and any other provision of the statutes and regulations deemed applicable, hereby respectfully request that the Commission grant them the authority necessary to consummate a transaction involving the transfer of control of Pac-West, as a result of the acquisition of 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Pac-West by UPH (“Transaction”). Pac-West is certified to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Utah, and is not an incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”).

Applicants are in the process of obtaining all required approvals for the Transaction from the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) and all applicable state regulatory authorities.¹ Applicants respectfully request approval of this Application by the Commission no later than December 13, 2011.

In support of this Application, the Applicants provide the following information:

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS

A. UPH Holdings, Inc.

UPH Holdings, Inc. is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware and is headquartered at 6500 River Place Boulevard, Building 2, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78730. UPH is a privately held, non-operating holding company with investments in companies operating in the data and voice communications industries. UPH does not currently hold any authorizations to provide telecommunications services.

UPH has one indirect subsidiary that holds authorizations to provide telecommunications services, nWire Communications, LLC (“nWire”). nWire is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware with its headquarters at 6500 River Place Boulevard, Building 2, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78730. nWire is certified as a non-dominant carrier authorized to provide telecommunications services in Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. nWire currently offers all forms of telecommunications including telephone exchange service, exchange access, and telephone toll service. As a result of the Transaction, nWire will be a sister company to Pac-West.

B. UPH Acquisition Sub, Inc.

UPH Acquisition Sub Inc. is a California corporation headquartered at 6500 River Place

¹ A copy of the Applicants’ FCC application is available at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021715328>.

Boulevard, Building 2, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78730. UPH-AS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UPH. UPH-AS was formed for Pac-West to merge into, with Pac-West being the surviving entity. UPH-AS does not hold any authorizations to provide telecommunications services.

C. Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.

Pac-West is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of California, and headquartered 4210 Coronado Avenue, Stockton, California 95204. Pac-West's principal place of business is located at 4210 Coronado Avenue, Stockton, California 95204. In Utah, Pac-West is authorized to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Docket No. 99-2305-01. Pac-West is a certified non-dominant carrier authorized to provide telecommunications services in the following states in addition to Utah: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.² Pac-West is certified as a competitive carrier in the District of Columbia as well. Pac-West also holds domestic and international Section 214 authorizations from the FCC, which allow Pac-West to offer interstate and international telecommunications services. Pac-West currently offers all forms of telecommunications including: local and long distance origination and termination; switched and special access; 8YY originating access and 8YY services; managed modem; and collocation services.

² Pac-West also has two wholly-owned subsidiaries that provide telecommunications services outside of the State of Utah: Pac-West Telecomm of Virginia, Inc., which provides local exchange and interexchange services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Tex-Link Communications, Inc., which provides local exchange and interexchange services within the State of Texas.

D. Pac-West Acquisition Company, LLC

Pac-West is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pac-West Acquisition Company, LLC (“PWAC”), a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Washington, with a principal place of business located at 12503 S.E. Mill Plain Boulevard, Suite 120, Vancouver, Washington 98684. PWAC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Ventures Corporation, a privately-owned Washington corporation, with its principal place of business located at 12503 S.E. Mill Plain Boulevard, Suite 120, Vancouver, Washington 98687. PWAC does not hold any authorizations to provide telecommunications services.

E. Designated Contacts

The designated contacts for questions concerning this Application are:

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II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

Pursuant to a Reorganization Agreement dated August 30, 2011 (“Agreement”), by and among UPH, UPH-AS, PWAC, and Pac-West, the following will occur at the closing of the Transaction. The issued and outstanding capital stock of Pac-West will be exchanged for, and converted into, common stock of UPH. PWAC, the parent company of Pac-West, thereby will obtain 29% ownership interest in UPH. Pac-West will be merged into UPH-AS, a wholly-owned subsidiary of UPH, with Pac-West as the surviving entity. Pac-West’s wholly-owned subsidiaries, Pac-West Telecomm of Virginia, Inc. and Tex-Link Communications, Inc., will continue to operate as wholly-owned subsidiaries of Pac-West.

Diagrams of the pre- and post-close organizational structures of the Applicants are included as Exhibit A. A copy of the Agreement is included as Exhibit B. Exhibit B contains confidential, commercially-sensitive trade secret information, the public disclosure of which could place the Applicants at a competitive disadvantage. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request confidential treatment of Exhibit B, which they have filed under seal pursuant to Rule 746-100-16.

The proposed transfer of control of Pac-West will have no adverse impact on its customers. Pac-West’s customers will continue to receive their existing services at the same rates, terms and conditions that they have prior to the transfer and any future changes in the rates,

terms and conditions of service will be made consistent with Commission requirements. Pac-West will be managed by personnel with significant experience in the telecommunications industry and may realize additional infusion of capital to support further expansion of Pac-West's current operations.

III. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

The changes described in this Application will have no impact on public interest considerations. The entity offering service to customers, Pac-West, will not change, and there will be no change to the rates, terms and conditions of the service it provides. Pac-West and its subsidiaries will continue to be managed by persons with significant experience in the telecommunications industry. Further, the Transaction may provide Pac-West and its subsidiaries with additional capital to support and expand its operations.

The Applicants note that there are a number of other carriers operating in each market, including the incumbent carrier, which in each market controls a substantial market share. Pac-West is one of these competitive carriers.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Financial statements for UPH are attached hereto as Exhibit C. Exhibit C contains confidential, commercially-sensitive trade secret information, the public disclosure of which could place the Applicants at a competitive disadvantage. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request confidential treatment of Exhibit C, which they have filed under seal pursuant to Rule 746-100-16.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission approve the transfer of control of Pac-West Telecomm, Inc., and whatever further relief that the Commission deems is appropriate to consummation the Transaction described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

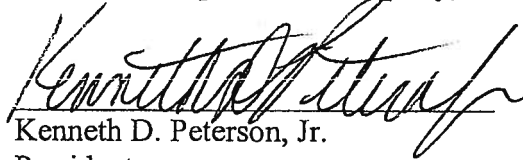
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LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Pre- and Post-Transaction Organizational Charts

Exhibit B: Reorganization Agreement (FILED UNDER SEAL)

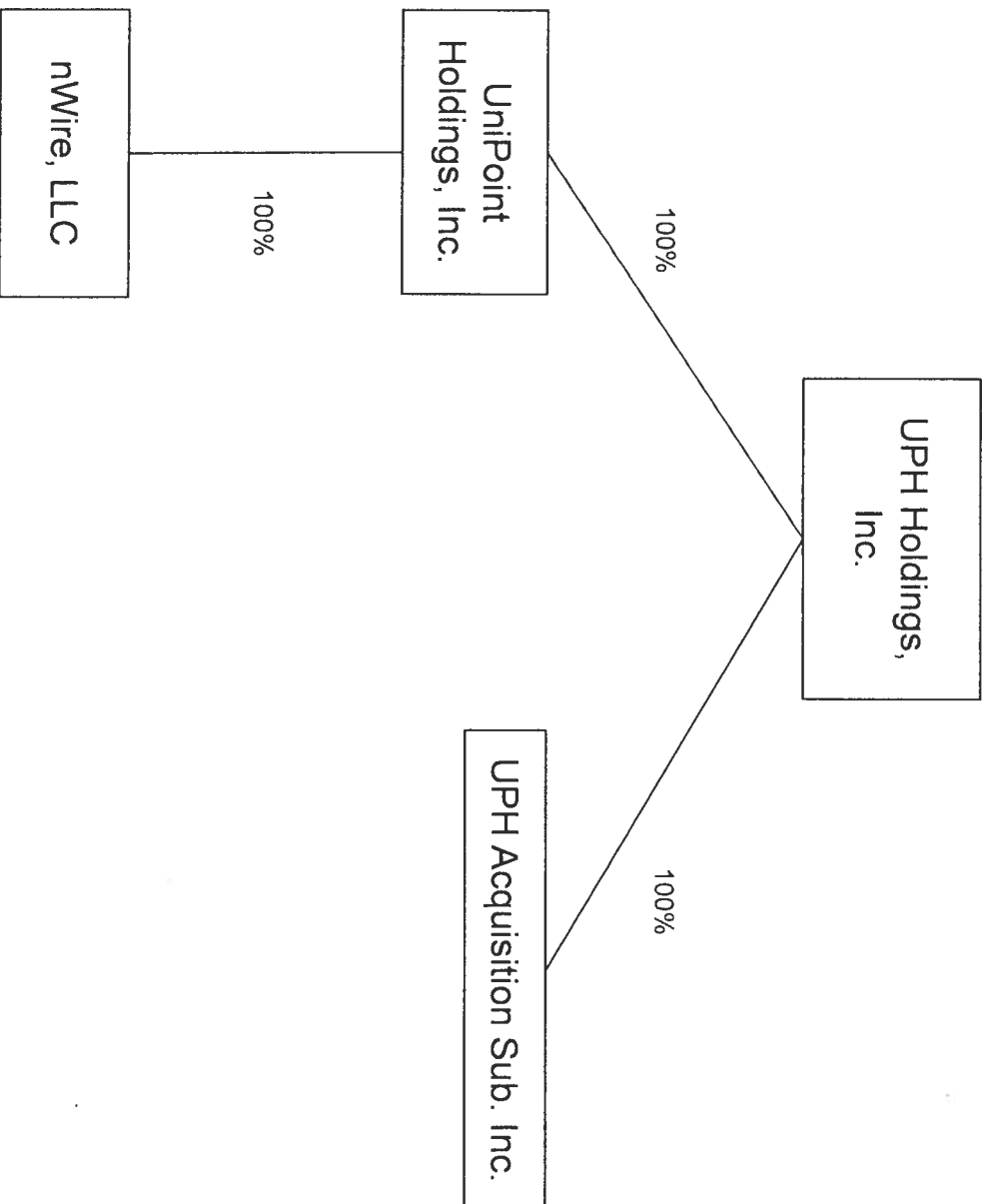
Exhibit C: Financial Information of UPH Holdings, Inc. (FILED UNDER SEAL)

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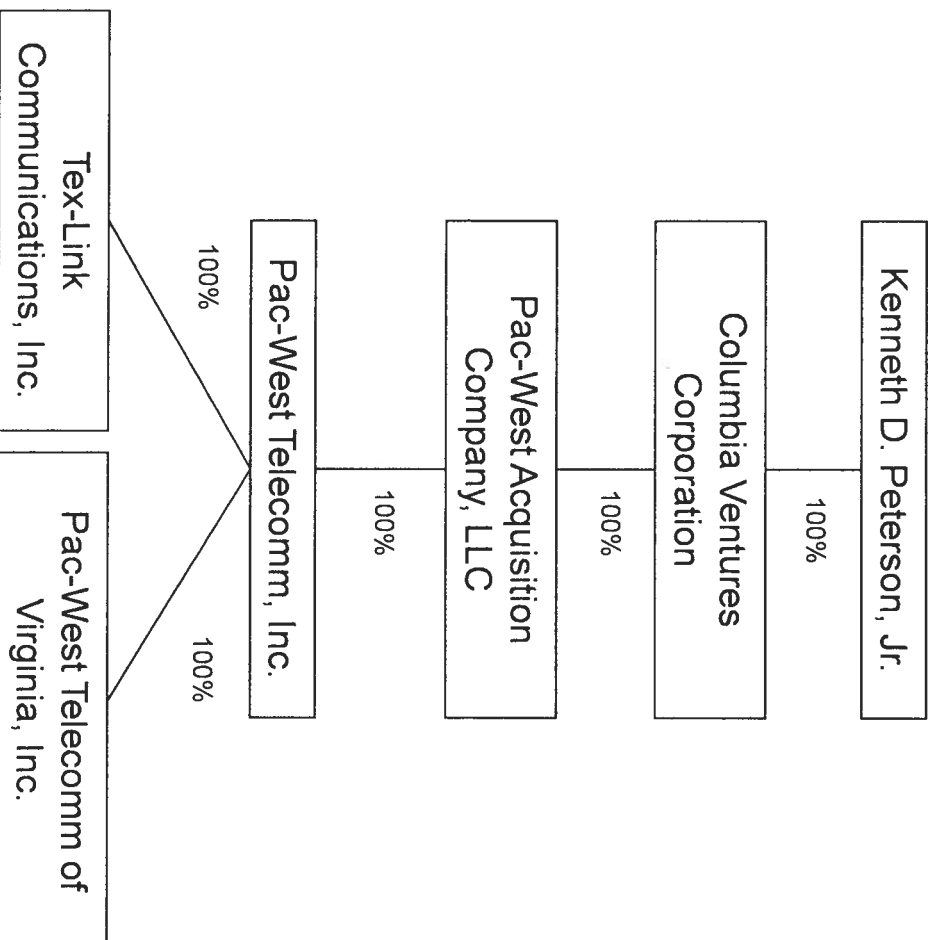
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Pre- and Post-Transaction Organizational Charts

UPH Pre-Transaction Organizational Chart



Pac-West Pre-Transaction Organizational Chart



Post-Transaction Organizational Chart

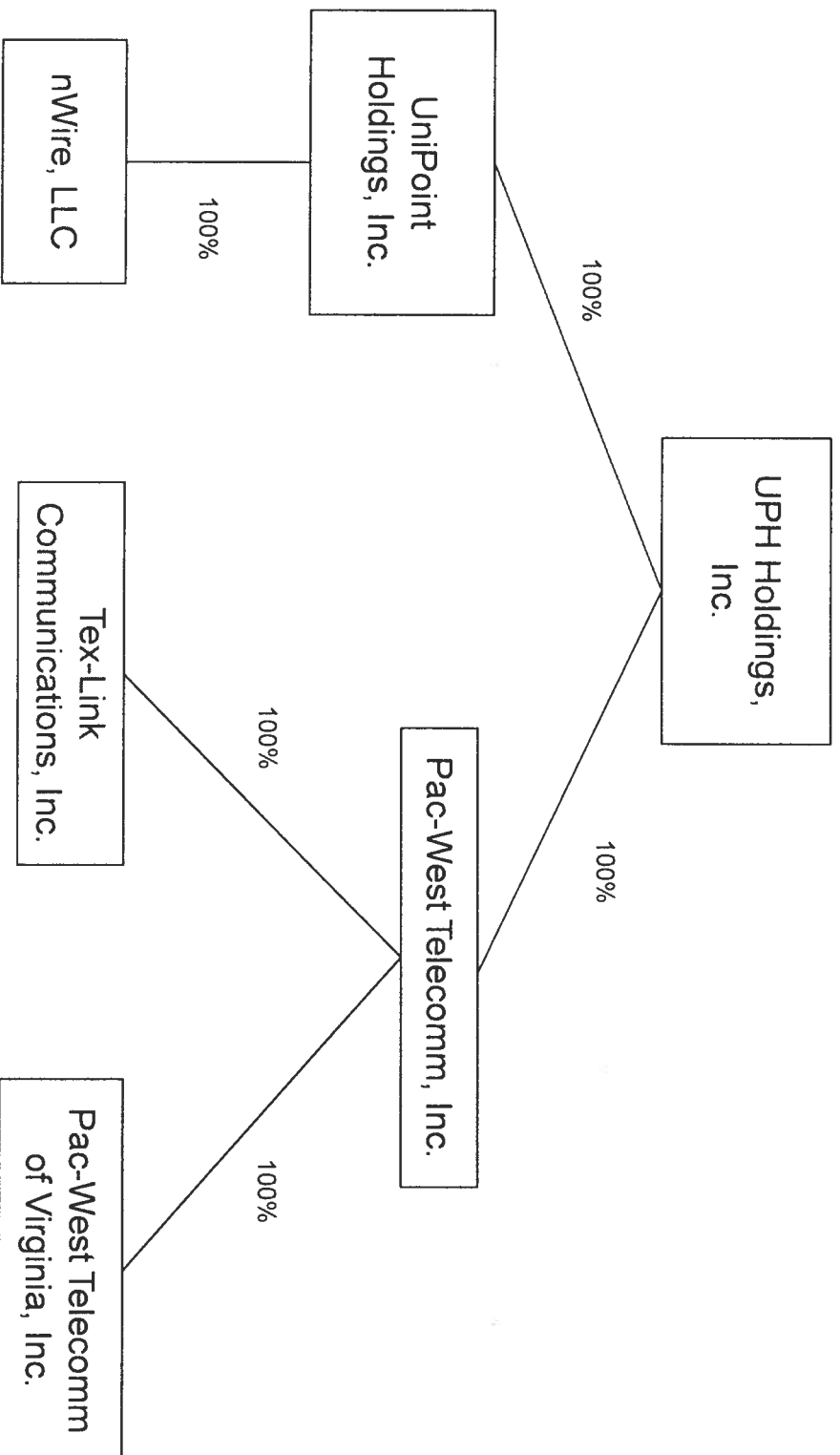


EXHIBIT B

Reorganization Agreement

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The exhibits to the Reorganization Agreement are not included in Exhibit B because they are not germane to the Commission's consideration of the Application but will be provided upon request.

EXHIBIT C

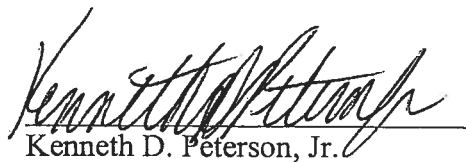
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VERIFICATION

I, Kenneth D. Peterson, Jr., am President of Pac-West Telecomm, Inc. and am authorized to represent it and its affiliates, and to make this verification on their behalf. The statements in the foregoing document relating to Pac-West Telecomm, Inc. and its affiliates, except as otherwise specifically attributed, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 3rd day of November, 2011.




Kenneth D. Peterson, Jr.
President
Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.

VERIFICATION

I, J. Michael Holloway, am the Chief Executive Officer of UPH Holdings, Inc. and am authorized to represent it and its affiliates, and to make this verification on their behalf. The statements in the foregoing document relating to UPH Holdings, Inc. and its affiliates, except as otherwise specifically attributed, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 2nd day of November, 2011.



J. Michael Holloway
Chief Executive Officer
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