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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 08-240

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Lancaster Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium (Lancaster) and Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium (RHTC) to transfer control of the domestic section 214 authorization held by Lancaster to RHTC.¹ No commenters opposed grant of the application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and, therefore, grants the requested authorization.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson-Parker at (202) 418-1394 or Michelle Sclater, (202) 418-0388, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Lancaster Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium to Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium, WC Docket No. 08-240, Public Notice, DA 08-2696 (rel. Dec. 11, 2008).

² See Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd. and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8511–14 (CCB/IB/CSB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent LECs with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies). Applicants have stated that RHTC plans to issue an offer to all Lancaster shareholders to tender their shares for purchase by RHTC and that RHTC believes that sufficient shares will be tendered to result in its ownership in excess of 50 percent of the voting shares of Lancaster. RHTC has committed to inform the Commission of the exact percentage of its ownership and each individual or entity that has direct or indirect ownership or voting interest of 10 percent or more in Lancaster, if any, within 30 days after the completion of the transaction.