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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT TO PRIMECO PCS, LP AND VIRGINIA RSA 6 CELLULAR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF WIRELESS LICENSES

Pursuant to sections 4(i) and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 310(d), and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.331, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approves the applications requesting Commission consent to assign or transfer control of certain licenses currently controlled by Richmond 20 MHz, LLC ("Richmond LLC"), a subsidiary of PrimeCo PCS, L.P. ("PrimeCo"), and Virginia RSA 6 Cellular Limited Partnership ("VA 6 LP"). These applications pertain to certain cellular, fixed microwave, and broadband personal communications service licenses. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing. See DA 00-1138, released May 23, 2000. Specifically, VA 6 LP will acquire Richmond LLC, licensee of PCS call sign WPQL333, which encompasses 20 MHz of PCS block B spectrum in the Richmond MTA, and certain Point to Point Microwave licenses. In turn, VA 6 LP will assign to PrimeCo the license for the block B cellular system in the Virginia 6 RSA.

This transaction is related to the pending merger between Bell Atlantic Corporation ("Bell Atlantic") and GTE Corporation ("GTE")¹ in that it would eliminate certain wireless market overlaps between GTE, Bell Atlantic, and/or Vodafone AirTouch Plc, consistent with these parties' commitments to the Commission and their consent decree with the United States Department of Justice.² Because this transaction is related to divestitures required by competitive concerns, we do not believe that the Applicants should be permitted to continue to hold the properties for 180 additional days, as would otherwise be permitted under the Commission's rule regarding time for consummation.³ Instead, we permit the Applicants 60 days from the date of release of this Public Notice to consummate these transactions.

¹ See *GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 00-221 (rel. June 16, 2000).

² Final Judgment, *U.S. v. Bell Atlantic Corp.*, Civ. No. 1:99CV01119(LFO) (D.D.C. Apr. 18, 2000).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.948(d).

Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Pursuant to sections 1.106(f) and 1.115(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(a), petitions for reconsideration and applications for review may be filed within thirty days of the release of this public notice.

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