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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF F BLOCK BROADBAND PCS, CELLULAR, AND MICROWAVE LICENSES FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF SACO RIVER TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY TO TLA SPECTRUM, LLC

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 ("Bureau") approves, subject to the conditions set forth below, the applications requesting Commission consent to transfer control of certain F block broadband PCS, cellular radiotelephone, and fixed microwave licenses currently controlled by the shareholders of Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company ("Saco River") to TLA Spectrum, LLC ("TLA Spectrum"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Rural Cellular Corporation ("RCC").¹ No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the *Acceptance Public Notice* announcing the applications had been accepted for filing.

Pursuant to the proposed transaction, SRTT Acquisition Corp., a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of TLA, will be merged into Saco River, with Saco River as the surviving entity. Following this proposed merger, the name of Saco River will be changed to Saco River Telecommunications, Inc. ("SRTI"), with TLA holding all the stock of SRTI.

We approve these transfers of control because we find they are in the public interest, convenience, and necessity. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 310(d). By this approval, the parties are authorized to proceed to the final stages of their respective transactions. Section 1.948(d) of the Commission's rules provides that "the Commission shall be notified by letter of the date of completion of the assignment or transfer of control." *See* 47 C.F.R. §1.948(d). Hence, we remind parties that a transfer shall not be considered complete until the underlying transaction closes and all conditions set forth in the grant documents, including this Public Notice and the application, are met. Additionally, all installment payments must be current on the consummation date.² Upon receipt of the letter required by section 1.948(d) of the Commission's rules,

¹ *See* TLA Spectrum, LLC and The Stockholders of Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Broadband PCS, Cellular, and Microwave Authorizations, Public Notice, DA 00-1869 (WTB, rel. Aug. 15, 2000) ("*Acceptance Public Notice*"). In addition, an application to transfer control of an international 214 authorization in this transaction has been granted. *See* International Authorizations Granted, Public Notice, File No. ITC-T/C-20000720-00449, Report No. TEL-00284 (rel. Sept. 7, 2000) (granting the transfer of control of the international Section 214 authorization granted in File No. ITC-214-19980608-00391 to Communications Design, Inc. from Robert C. Carroll et al. to TLA Spectrum LLC, conditioned upon the Applicants' agreement not to transfer this application or authorization unless and until the Commission grants the underlying wireless license transfer application under the public notice DA 00-1869, Released August 15, 2000).

² This transaction includes the transfer of control of the following two F block broadband PCS licenses: Saco River Communications Corporation, Market B357 – Portland-Brunswick, ME BTA (F block), File No.

and satisfaction of all requisite conditions, the Bureau will consider the transfer complete.

Failure of the parties to comply with Section 1.948(d) of the Commission's rules, or any specific condition described above, will result in automatic cancellation of the Commission's approval, and dismissal of the underlying application(s).

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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This Public Notice is issued by the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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