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**COMMON CARRIER, INTERNATIONAL AND WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAUS GRANT CONSENT FOR TRANSFER
OF CONTROL OF LICENSES AND AUTHORIZATIONS HELD BY CAPROCK
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. AND IWL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO
MCLEODUSA INC.**

Pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d), and sections 0.261, 0.291 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.261, 0.291 and 0.331, the Common Carrier Bureau, the International Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approve the applications requesting Commission consent to transfer control of certain licenses and authorizations held by CapRock Telecommunications Corp., IWL Communications, Inc. d/b/a/ CapRock Services Corp., Spacelink Systems, Inc. and Abacus Signal, Inc. (collectively referred to as "CapRock") to McLeodUSA Incorporated ("McLeodUSA"). These applications pertain to authorizations for international,¹ blanket domestic interstate services² and wireless services.³ Pursuant to the proposed transaction, CapRock and IWL will remain subsidiaries of CapRock Communications Corp., which will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of McLeodUSA.

No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing.⁴ Although McLeodUSA and CapRock are both facilities-based competitive local exchange carriers (LECs), they generally do not compete in the same geographic market. The only state where any geographic overlap in operations exists is Arizona, where McLeodUSA only provides resold competing LEC services to approximately 100 customers.⁵ Such

¹ See File No. ITC-T/C-20001018-00639 (International 214), File No. SES-T/C-20001006-01902, File No. SES-T/C 20001006-01905, File No. SES-T/C-20001006-01906 (Satellite Earth Stations).

² See File No. CCBPol No. 00-2.

³ See Universal Licensing System File No. 0000234323, File No. 0000237961, Application of IWL to Transfer Control of 35 Private Land Mobile Radio Call Signs (lead call sign WNQN346) (filed Oct 5, 2000).

⁴ See *CapRock Telecommunications Corp Seeks FCC Consent for Transfer of Control to McLeodUSA*, Public Notice, DA 00-2515 (rel. Nov. 6, 2000).

⁵ Letter from Brett P. Ferenchak and Edward S. Quill, Jr. to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CCBPol No. 00-2, at 1-2 (filed Nov. 8, 2000).

overlap is insignificant from a competitive standpoint. The Bureaus find, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grant the applicants authorization to transfer control to McLeodUSA of the domestic and international section 214 authorizations and wireless licenses held by CapRock.

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. 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.

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