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**COMMON CARRIER BUREAU AND WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANT CONSENT
FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF LICENSES AND
AUTHORIZATIONS OF BERKSHIRE CABLE
CORPORATION d/b/a BERKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE TO
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**

CC Docket No. 01-125

Pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 310(d), and sections 0.291 and 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.291, 0.331, the Common Carrier Bureau and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau approve the applications requesting Commission consent to transfer control of certain licenses and authorizations held by Berkshire Cable Corporation d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance Company ("Berkshire") to Citizens Communications Company ("Citizens"). The applications filed pertain to authorizations for blanket domestic interstate services and wireless services.¹ The proposed acquisition of lines is related to an acquisition of corporate control in which Berkshire Telephone Corporation, the parent of Berkshire, will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citizens. After the transaction, Berkshire will continue the provision of telecommunications services, including the provision of interstate domestic services. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing.²

¹ See Berkshire Cable Corporation d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance, Citizens Communications Company, Application for Transfer of Control, CC Docket No. 01-125 (filed May 21, 2001); Application for Assignments of Authorization and Transfer of Control of Berkshire Cable Company to Citizens Communications Company, File Nos. 0000463076 and 0000460304 (filed May 21, 2001). The Applicants filed a separate application with the Commission's International Bureau to transfer control of Berkshire's international section 214 authorization to Citizens. See Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Berkshire Cable Corporation, d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance to Citizens Communications Company (File No. ITC-T/C-20010521-00317).

² See *Commission Seeks Comment on Application For Consent to Transfer Control Filed by Berkshire Cable Corporation d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance and Citizens Communications Company*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 01-125, DA 01-1394 (rel. June 15, 2001).

The Bureaus find, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grant the requested authorization. Additionally, Berkshire's application to transfer control of its international section 214 authorization was granted on a streamlined basis under section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12, with consummation conditioned on the approval authorized by this public notice.³

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 Rule 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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³ See *International Authorizations Granted*, Public Notice, File No. ITC-T/C-20010521-00317, Report No. TEL-00410, DA 01-1473 (rel. June 21, 2001).