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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU GRANTS SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION FOR SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO ENGAGE IN PRO FORMA TRANSFER OF CORPORATE CONTROL

CC Docket No. 01-312

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) approves the application requesting consent for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SBTC") to engage in a pro forma transfer of corporate control. The requested authorization is related to a corporate reorganization by which SBC Communications, Inc. will create the wholly owned subsidiary Southwestern Bell Texas Holdings, Inc. Southwestern Bell Texas Holdings, Inc. will then create the wholly owned subsidiaries SWBT Texas, LLC and Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc., SBTC will merge with Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. with the surviving entity being Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. Southwestern Bell Texas, Inc. will then be converted into a Texas limited partnership and renamed Southwestern Bell Telephone L.P. SWBT Texas, LLC will be a general partner of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., controlling 1% of the partnership. Southwestern Bell Texas Holdings, Inc. will be a limited partner controlling 99% of the partnership.¹

SBTC provides local exchange services, intrastate toll services, advanced telecommunications services, and domestic long distance service in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri. This transaction will result in these services being provided by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, rather than by SBTC, a Missouri corporation. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application had been accepted for filing.

¹ See *Southwestern Bell Telephone Company "SBTC" or "Applicant", Seeks FCC Consent to Transfer Control to Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. as part of pro forma transfer of corporate control*, Public Notice, DA 01-2571 (rel. November 8, 2001).

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. 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 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.

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