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DA 01-522
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**TRUCOM CORPORATION AND BRIDGECOM INTERNATIONAL, INC., SEEK
CONSENT TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF THE DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINES HELD BY TRUCOM TO BRIDGECOM**

CCBPol 01-2

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

TruCom Corporation (TruCom) and BridgeCom International, Inc. (BridgeCom) (Applicants), have filed a joint application pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, requesting Federal Communications Commission (Commission) approval for BridgeCom to acquire and operate domestic transmission lines held by TruCom.¹ TruCom is authorized to provide domestic interstate services pursuant to blanket section 214 authority. The proposed acquisition of lines is related to an acquisition of corporate control. The Applicants seek expedited treatment of this application in order to permit the consummation of the proposed transaction prior to the end of March 2001.²

TruCom is authorized to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services in New York and New Jersey, and to provide interexchange telecommunications services in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. BridgeCom is authorized to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. TruCom and BridgeCom are also authorized to provide global international facilities-based and resale services between the United States and international points.

¹ See TruCom and BridgeCom Joint Application for Consent to Transfer of Control Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 (filed Feb. 23, 2001). The Applicants also filed a joint application with the Commission's International Bureau to transfer control of TruCom's international section 214 authorization. On February 8, 2001, the Applicants were granted authority to transfer control of the international section 214 authorization held by TruCom to BridgeCom. See *Streamlined International Applications Granted*, Public Notice, File No. ITC-T/C-20010112-00018, DA 01-322, Report No. TEL-00350 (rel. Feb. 8, 2001).

² See Letter from Charles C. Hunter, Counsel for BridgeCom and TruCom, to Mr. William Dever, Assistant Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Program Planning Division (filed Feb. 23, 2001).

The Applicants state that the integration of BridgeCom and TruCom within the same corporate family will give the two entities the ability to structure their product offerings to provide a more diverse line of telecommunications products and services to their customers. Applicants state that the economies of scope and scale realized will allow BridgeCom and TruCom to price those products and services at even more competitive levels, and that the combined financial resources of an integrated BridgeCom/TruCom will facilitate the expansion of both companies' local service offerings into additional states. The Applicants further state that the integration of BridgeCom and TruCom raises no adverse competitive concerns because the market share that would be held by the combined entity is minor, not only in contrast with the incumbent providers for local exchange service but with other major competitive providers of such service. Applicants assert that they are relatively small competitive providers of local exchange service, together serving in the aggregate less than 50,000 access lines across New York and New Jersey, predominately in the small- to mid-sized business market.

SECTION 214 APPLICATION

Part 63 – Domestic Service (47 C.F.R. § 63.01)

TruCom and BridgeCom have filed a joint application pursuant to section 214 for BridgeCom to acquire and operate domestic transmission lines held by TruCom. The application has been assigned file number **CCBPol No. 01-2**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The application listed herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules or policies.

Final action will not be taken on this application earlier than 15 days following the date of this notice. Interested parties may file comments or petitions to deny on or before **March 14, 2001**. Oppositions to such pleadings may be filed no later than **March 21, 2001**. All filings concerning any or all of the matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to DA 01-522, as well as the specific file number of the individual application or other matters to which the filings pertain.

An original and four copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C. 20554, in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51 (c). In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to (1) Aaron Goldberger, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A266, Washington, D.C. 20554, and (2) the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554

Copies of the application and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained from ITS, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 314-3070. The application and documents are available for public inspection and copying during normal

reference room hours at the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a), which permits the Commission to adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires, we announce that this proceeding will be governed by "permit-but-disclose" *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

For further information, contact Aaron Goldberger, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1580.