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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE ASSETS OF NORTH DAKOTA TELEPHONE COMPANY TO SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

WC Docket No. 06-185

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application for the transfer of control of certain assets in the Velva exchange in North Dakota from North Dakota Telephone Company to SRT Communications, Inc.¹ No comments were filed in opposition to the grant of this transaction.

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.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice.³ 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.

For further information, please contact Denise Coca at (202) 418-0574 in the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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¹ See *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of the Assets of North Dakota Telephone Company to SRT Communications, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 06-185, Public Notice, DA 06-2004 (rel. Oct. 6, 2006).

² See *Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd., and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8511-14 (CCB/IB/CSB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent LECs with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).

³ Applicants filed a Petition for Waiver to Change Study Area Boundaries in connection with this transaction. Action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to any action the Commission may take on the pending waiver requests that were filed along with this application.