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NONSTREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 05-329

On December 14, 2005, the Wireline Competition Bureau issued a public notice seeking comment on the transfer of control of Laurel Telephone Company, Inc. to Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative.¹ No commenters opposed grant of the application.

After careful consideration of the record in this proceeding, we conclude that grant of the proposed transaction is in the public interest and should be granted accordingly.² For purposes of computation of time for filing a petition for reconsideration or application for review, or for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the release date of this notice.³ For further information, please contact Kimberly Jackson, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7393.

¹ Domestic Section 214 Application Filed For Transfer of Control of Laurel Telephone Company, Inc. to Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative, WC Docket No. 05-329, DA 05-3187 (rel. December 14, 2005).

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 *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 (computation of time).