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## NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

### WC Docket No. 06-184

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 of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. ("Commonwealth") and Citizens Communications Company ("Citizens") to transfer control of Commonwealth to Citizens.<sup>1</sup> Two commenters filed comments opposing the grant of the application but later withdrew their opposition.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> 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. 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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<sup>1</sup> See *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Transfer of Control of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. to Citizens Communications Company*, WC Docket No. 06-184, Public Notice, DA 06-2231 (rel. Oct. 27, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> On November 13, 2006, RCN Corporation and RCN Telecom Services, Inc. filed a petition to deny. See *Petition to Deny of RCN Corporation and RCN Telecom Services, Inc.* (filed Nov. 13, 2006). On January 17, 2007, RCN withdrew its petition indicating the parties have reached a settlement and RCN no longer seeks the relief requested. See *Letter from Michael W. Fleming et al., Counsel for RCN Corporation and RCN Telecom Services, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 06-184* (filed Jan. 17, 2007). On November 13, 2006, vCentrix, Inc. filed comments but subsequently withdrew its comments on November 17, 2006. See *Comments of vCentrix, Inc.* (filed Nov. 13, 2006); *Letter from Kathleen Greenan Ramsey et al., Counsel for vCentrix, Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 06-184* (filed Nov. 17, 2006).

<sup>3</sup> 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).

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