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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
YUKON-WALTZ TELEPHONE COMPANY AND YUKON-WALTZ COMMUNICATIONS,
INC. TO LAUREL HIGHLAND TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 08-37

Comments Due: April 3, 2008

Reply Comments Due: April 10, 2008

On March 13, 2008, Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company (Yukon-Waltz), Yukon-Waltz Communications, Inc. (YWCI) and Laurel Highland Total Communications, Inc. (Laurel Highland) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer control of Yukon-Waltz and YWCI to Laurel Highland.¹ Yukon-Waltz, a Pennsylvania corporation, provides service as an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) in the Yukon exchange in Westmorland County, Pennsylvania. YWCI, a Pennsylvania corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yukon-Waltz, is an interexchange service reseller providing service to subscribers in the general area served by Yukon-Waltz. Laurel Highland, a Pennsylvania corporation, is a holding company that owns Laurel Highland Telephone Company, an incumbent LEC providing service in the Stahlstown and Indian Head exchanges in southwestern Pennsylvania and Laurel Highland Long Distance Company, a resale interexchange carrier providing service predominantly in the service area of Laurel Highland Telephone Company. No shareholders own a ten percent or greater interest in Laurel Highland. Operational control of Laurel Highland rests with the following Board of Directors and President and CEO (all U.S. Citizens): Morgan F. Withrow, Chairman; Ralph Hunter; Connie B. Beam; Paul G. Hauger; John E. Shaffer; and James J. Kail, President and CEO. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Laurel Highland will purchase all of the outstanding capital stock of Yukon-Waltz. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company and Yukon-Waltz Communications, Inc., to Laurel Highland Total Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 08-37 (filed Mar. 13, 2008).

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before April 3, 2008**, and reply comments **on or before April 10, 2008**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.³ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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³ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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