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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 09-60

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 Ayrshire Telecom Inc., Northwest Communications, Inc., River Valley Telecommunications Cooperative, Ter-Tel Enterprises, Inc., Lone Rock Communications Company, Webb-Dickens Telephone Corporation, and Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative (collectively, Transferors) and Ringsted Communications Company, Inc. (Ringsted) for the transfer of control of Independent Networks, L.C. from Transferors to Ringsted.¹ No commenters opposed grant of the application.

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. 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 Tracey Wilson-Parker at (202) 418-1394.

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¹ *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Independent Networks, L.C. to Ringsted Communications Company, Inc.*, WC Docket No. 09-60, Public Notice, DA 09-1085 (rel. May 18, 2009).

² *See Joint Applications of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. and Chorus Communications, Ltd. for Authority to Transfer Control of Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 22, 63 and 90 of the Commission's Rules*, CC Docket No. 01-73, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 15293, 15296-99, para. 9 (CCB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) and competitive LEC providing in-region service where the merger is in the public interest).