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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASSETS OF  
REDWOOD COUNTY TELEPHONE COMPANY AND  
REDWOOD LONG DISTANCE COMPANY BY ARVIG ENTERPRISES, INC.**

**NON-STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 10-201**

**Comments Due: October 19, 2010**  
**Reply Comments Due: October 26, 2010**

On September 23, 2010, Redwood County Telephone Company (Redwood), and its wholly owned subsidiary, Redwood Long Distance Company (Redwood LD), and Arvig Enterprises, Inc. (Arvig) (together, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer assets of Redwood and Redwood LD to Arvig.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants do not seek streamlined processing for this application under section 63.03(b) of the Commission's rules.<sup>2</sup> Redwood, a Minnesota corporation, is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) serving the Belview, Echo, Falls Junction, Morgan, Red-Del, Seaforth, Vesta, Wabasso, Walnut Grove, and Wood Lake exchanges in south central Minnesota. Redwood LD provides interstate services in these exchanges. Arvig, a Minnesota corporation, provides incumbent LEC, competitive LEC, and long distance services in Minnesota. Arvig owns a one third indirect interest in Hector Communications Corporation, the parent company of Sleepy Eye Telephone Company, an incumbent local exchange carrier. Sleepy Eye Telephone Company serves the Sleepy Eye exchange, which is adjacent to the Redwood exchanges. Arvig's competitive LEC operations, which are provided by its subsidiary, Tekstar Communications, Inc., do not overlap with the Redwood exchanges. Because of the incumbent LEC adjacent service areas the Applicants have identified, this application is not entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants also filed applications for assignment of assets and licenses associated with international and wireless services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(iii). Arvig has also filed a domestic section 214 application to acquire control of Clements Telephone Company. Clements Telephone Company is an incumbent LEC serving the Clements exchange in south central Minnesota and is owned by the same stockholders as Redwood. The Clements exchange is adjacent to Redwood's Morgan exchange and the Sleepy Eye exchange. Application of Clements Telephone Company for Domestic Section 214 Authorization for a Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-202 (filed Sept. 23, 2010).

Allen R. Arvig, a U.S. citizen, owns 29.342% of Arvig, and his family members identified in the application, all U.S. citizens, each own less than 10 percent of the common stock of the company. The Arvig Employee Stock Ownership Plan, a Minnesota entity, owns 36.706% of Arvig. The sole trustee of the Arvig Employee Stock Ownership Plan is Horizon Bank, N.A. d/b/a Horizon Trust and Investment Management, an Indiana entity.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Redwood Tel Acquisition, Inc., a Minnesota corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Arvig formed to acquire the assets of Redwood, will acquire all of Redwood's assets except certain non-telecom assets. Redwood LD Acquisition, Inc., a Minnesota corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Arvig formed to acquire the assets of Redwood LD, will acquire those assets. Applicants state that the proposed transaction is in the public interest because it will be transparent to customers who will benefit from Arvig's financial, managerial, and technical resources in providing high quality, rural local exchange and long distance services. It further states that the proposed transaction will not harm competition in the Redwood exchanges.

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