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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 15-224

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 Ace Telephone Association (ATA), Ace Telephone Company of Michigan, Inc. (Ace Michigan), Great Lakes Comnet, Inc. (GLC), Clinton County Telephone Company (CCTC), Westphalia Telephone Company (WTC), Westphalia Broadband, Inc. (WBI), and Comlink, LLC (Comlink) for the transfer of control of GLC and its subsidiaries CCTC, WTC, WBI and Comlink to ATA and Ace Michigan.

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.¹ 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. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket will be closed.

For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at 202-418-1506 or Dennis Johnson at 202-418-0809, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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¹ 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*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 15293, 15298-99, para. 10 (CCB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) and the transferee, Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. (TDS), where the wireless affiliate of TDS provides service in the area served by the incumbent LEC, and the merger would not harm competition).