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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 16-150

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 Consolidated Communications, Inc. (CCI), Consolidated Communications of Iowa Company (formerly known as Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa) (Heartland), Crystal Communications, Inc. (Crystal), Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa d/b/a Premier Communications (Mutual), Premier Communications, Inc. (Premier), and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association (Winnebago) (together, Applicants) requesting approval to: (1) transfer control of Heartland from CCI to Mutual; (2) transfer certain assets from Heartland to Winnebago; and (3) transfer certain assets from Crystal to Premier and Winnebago.¹ No commenter 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 at (202) 418-1394 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

¹ *Domestic Section 214 Joint Application for Authority to Transfer Control of Consolidated Communications of Iowa Company f/k/a Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa, et al.*, WC Docket No. 16-150 (filed May 3, 2016). Applicants state that they have separately filed a joint petition for study area waiver associated with this transaction. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment On Joint Petition of Mutual Telephone Company of Sioux Center, Iowa d/b/a Premier Communications and Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association to Waive the Definition of "Study Area" as Codified in Part 36 of the Commission's Rules*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-45 (rel. May 23, 2016).

² 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*, File Nos. ITC-T/C-20000828-00530 CCBPol No. 00-1 20001005AD-09 0000209675, et al., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8510-11, paras. 7-9 (Com. Car. Bur./Int'l. Bur./Cable Serv. Bur./Wireless Telecom. Bur. 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent local exchange carriers with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).

