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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 17-71

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 CFR §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Ligonier Telephone Company, Inc. (LTC), LigTel Communications, Inc. (LCI), and Heartland Innovations, Inc. (Heartland) (collectively, Applicants) seeking approval of an unauthorized transfer of control that occurred in January 2005 when shares of LTC, the then-parent company of LCI, were transferred to Meshell L. Schloss, thereby making her the majority owner.¹

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the transfer serves the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization.² Pursuant to Section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 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 CFR §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at 202-418-1506 or Gregory Kwan at 202-418-1191, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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¹ On March 27, 2017, the Bureau granted Applicants' request for special temporary authority to authorize Applicants to continue providing service while the Bureau reviews the domestic 214 application, effective for 60 days. See Letter from Thomas J. Moorman, Counsel to Applicants, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 17-71 (filed Mar. 21, 2017). A grant of the application will be without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Act or the Commission's rules.

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*, 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).