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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF STAR TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. TO DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS ROCKLAND, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 17-135

Comments Due: June 22, 2017
Reply Comments Due: June 29, 2017

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment from interested parties on an application filed by Alvin E. Kimble, I. V. Jeansonne, and Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. (Direct Communications) (collectively Applicants), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval to transfer control of Star Telephone Company, Inc. (Star Telephone) to Direct Communications.¹

Star Telephone, a Louisiana corporation, is an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC) providing local exchange, exchange access and long distance services in the exchanges of Maringouin, Livonia, Rosedale, Innis, and Cheneyville in the state of Louisiana. Alvin E. Kimble and I.V. Jeansonne, both U.S. citizens, each individually hold 50 percent of the stock of Star Telephone. Direct Communications, an Idaho corporation, is also an incumbent LEC serving the exchanges of Rockland, Arbon, and Paris in the state of Idaho. Leonard May and Marilyn May, both U.S. citizens, each individually hold 35 percent of Direct Communications and no other person or entity owns a 10 percent or greater, direct or indirect, interest in Direct Communications. Direct Communications does not hold any interests in any other telecommunications provider.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Direct Communications will acquire a 100 percent equity interest in Star Telephone. Applicants state that there are no overlaps or adjacencies between the service territories of Star Telephone and Direct Communications. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under Section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.²

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR § 63.03. On May 30, 2017, Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic 214 application.

² 47 CFR § 63.03(b)(2)(iii).

Domestic Section 214 Application for the Transfer of Control of
Star Telephone Company, Inc. to Direct Communications Rockland, Inc.,
WC Docket No. 17-135 (filed May 22, 2017).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to Section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before June 22, 2017**, and reply comments **on or before June 29, 2017**. Pursuant to Section 63.52 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.52, commenters must serve a copy of comments on the Applicants no later than the above comment filing date. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.

Pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03, parties to this proceeding should file any documents using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

In addition, e-mail one copy of each pleading to each of the following:

- 1) Myrva Freeman, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, myrva.freeman@fcc.gov;
- 2) Gregory Kwan, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, gregory.kwan@fcc.gov;
- 3) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov;

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For further information, please contact Myrva Freeman at (202) 418-1506 or Gregory Kwan at (202) 418-1191.

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