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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF ABSARAKA COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. BY INTER-COMMUNITY TELEPHONE COMPANY, L.L.C.

WC Docket No. 19-164

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants an application filed by Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. (Absaraka) and Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C. (ICTC) (collectively, Applicants), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and sections 63.03-04 of the Commission's rules, requesting approval for the transfer of certain assets owned by Absaraka to ICTC.¹ On July 15, 2019, the Bureau released a Public Notice requesting comment on the Application.² No comments were filed in opposition to a grant of the Application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that granting the Application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³ Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the grant is effective upon release of this 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 Dennis Johnson, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, (202) 418-0809.

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¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 CFR §§ 63.03-04. Applicants also filed an application for the transfer of authorizations associated with international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. Application of Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. and Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C., WC Docket No. 19-164 (filed June 14, 2019) (Application).

² Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Certain Assets of Absaraka Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc. by Inter-Community Telephone Company, L.L.C., WC Docket No. 19-164, Public Notice, DA 19-661 (WCB July 15, 2019).

³ See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a); 47 CFR § 63.03; 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 (CCB, IB, CSB, WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent local exchange carriers with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).