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## COMMON CARRIER BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR A TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF ALMA LONG DISTANCE, LLC TO ALMA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CC Docket No. 01-351

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Alma Long Distance, LLC ("ALD") and Alma Telephone Company ("ATC"), to complete a transfer of control.<sup>1</sup> ALD is wholly owned by ATC. As part of a corporate restructuring and spin off of unrelated ATC assets, a new company, Alma Communications, Inc. d/b/a Alma Telephone Company (hereinafter "ACI") will be created under Missouri law. ACI, which will have the same shareholders, directors and management as ATC, will acquire all of the stock in ALD from ATC. This transaction will result in a *pro forma* transfer of control of ALD from ATC to ACI. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application had been accepted for filing.

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. Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon 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 Bill Dever, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-1578.

<sup>1</sup> See Commission Seeks Comment on Application Filed by Alma Long Distance, LLC to Transfer Control to Alma Telephone Company, CC Docket No. 01-351, *Public Notice*, DA 02-25 (rel. Jan. 7, 2002).