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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR A TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF NORTHERN IOWA TELEPHONE COMPANY TO MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

CC Docket No. 02-1

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 Mutual Telephone Company ("Mutual") and Northern Iowa Telephone Company ("Northern Iowa"), as amended, to complete a transfer of control.[1] Under the terms of the proposed transaction, Mutual and Northern Iowa filed for consent to transfer control to Mutual of domestic, interstate operations of Northern Iowa and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Webb-Dickens Telephone Corporation ("Webb-Dickens") and Vernon Communications and TV, Inc. ("Vernon"). 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.

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[1] *See* Commission Seeks Comment on Application Filed by Mutual Telephone Company and Northern Iowa Telephone Company for a Transfer of Control, *Public Notice,* DA 02-211, CC Docket No. 02-1 (rel. Jan. 28, 2002).