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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR A TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. TO TELEPHONE AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

WC Docket No. 02-59

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 Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application filed by Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ("TDS" or Transferee") to transfer control of the blanket domestic 214 authorizations held by Telecommunications System of New Hampshire, Inc. ("TSNH") and its subsidiaries, which include Hollis Telephone Company, Inc., and Wilton Telephone Company, Inc. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application had been accepted for filing.[1]

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, (202) 418-1394, or Bill Dever, (202) 418-1580, in the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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[1] *See* Domestic Section 214 Applications Filed for Consent to Transfer Control of Telecommunications Systems of New Hampshire, Inc. to Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., WC Docket 02-59, *Public Notice,* DA 02-732 (rel. March 29, 2002).