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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 10-35

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Piedmont Communications Services, Inc. (PCS), Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation (PTMC), and Surry Telephone Membership Corporation (STMC), for the transfer of control of PCS from PTMC to STMC.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.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the 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.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Piedmont Communications Services, Inc. and Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation to Surry Telephone Membership Corporation, WC Docket No. 10-35, Public Notice, DA 10-305 (rel. Feb. 23, 2010).

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson-Parker at (202) 418-1394 or Dennis Johnson at (202) 418-0809.

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¹ See *Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Piedmont Communications Services, Inc. and Piedmont Telephone Membership Corporation to Surry Telephone Membership Corporation*, WC Docket No. 10-35, Public Notice, DA 10-305 (rel. Feb. 23, 2010). Applicants did not seek Commission consent prior to the transfer of control and have been providing service to their customers under Special Temporary Authority granted by the Wireline Competition Bureau on January 23, 2010. We will refer the issue of the unauthorized transfer of control to the Enforcement Bureau for further investigation. Action on this domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related applications and does not preclude or prejudice any enforcement action related to an unauthorized transfer of control.

² See *Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations*, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5531-34, paras. 28-31 (2002).