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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF PAGING, CELLULAR AND MICROWAVE LICENSES FROM GLOBAL CROSSING TO BELL ATLANTIC CORPORATION

Pursuant to sections 4(i) and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 310(d), and section 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.331, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) approves the applications requesting Commission consent to transfer control of certain licenses currently controlled by Global Crossing Ltd. (Global Crossing), through its Frontier Corporation (Frontier) subsidiaries, to Bell Atlantic Corporation (Bell Atlantic).¹ These applications pertain to licenses for cellular, paging and common carrier microwave service. No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the applications had been accepted for filing. *See* DA 99-1806, released September 3, 1999.

Pursuant to the proposed transaction, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Upstate New York, Inc., a subsidiary of Bell Atlantic, will acquire all of Global Crossing and Frontier's interest in the licensees. The Bureau finds that the proposed transfers will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity and grants consent for the transfer of control of these licenses and authorizations to Bell Atlantic Corporation.

The Bureau also finds that the above consent shall include authority for Bell Atlantic Corporation to acquire control of: (a) any authorization issued to Global Crossing's subsidiaries and affiliates during the Bureau's consideration of the transfer of control applications and the period required for consummation of the transaction following approval; (b) construction permits

¹ On October 4, 13 and 20, 1999, the Commission received notifications that Global Crossing had consummated its acquisition of Frontier Corporation. *See* Applications of Global Crossing Ltd. and Frontier Corporation, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, CC Docket No. 99-264, DA 99-1930, (WTB, IB, CCB, rel. Sept. 21, 1999) (granting consent to Global Crossing's acquisition of control of Frontier). On October 21, 1999, Frontier amended its applications in this matter to state that Global Crossing had acquired control of Frontier. Pursuant to our earlier statement in the Public Notice accepting these applications for filing, we treat this amendment as minor. *See* Frontier and Bell Atlantic Seek FCC Consent to Transfer Control of Cellular, Paging and Microwave Licenses, *Public Notice*, DA 99-1806 (WTB, rel. Sept. 3, 1999).

held by licensees involved in this transfer that mature into licenses after closing and that may have been omitted from the transfer of control applications; and (c) applications that will have been filed by such licensees and that are pending at the time of consummation of the proposed transfer of control.²

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 this Public Notice. Pursuant to sections 1.106(f) and 1.115(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(a), petitions for reconsideration and applications for review may be filed within thirty days of the release of this public notice.

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² See Applications of Pacific Telesis Group and SBC Communications, Inc., *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd. 2624, 2665 (1997); Applications of Craig O. McCaw and American Telephone and Telegraph, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 9 FCC Rcd. 6836, 5909 n.300 (1994). We note, however, that this grant is not intended to cover the pending application of United States Cellular Corporation with respect to New York RSA No. 2. See ULS File No. 0000013536 (filed May 18, 1999).