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**PRICE COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP
d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS SEEK FCC CONSENT FOR
ASSIGNMENT OF WIRELESS LICENSES**

WT Docket No. 01-8

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

Petitions/Comments: February 16, 2001
Replies/Oppositions: February 26, 2001

Price Communications Corporation (“PCC”), through entities PCC ultimately controls, and Cellco Partnership (“Cellco”) d/b/a Verizon Wireless, have filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 310(d), seeking Commission approval for the assignment to Cellco of licenses in the Cellular Radiotelephone and Fixed Microwave services.¹

The proposed transaction involves several steps, all of which would occur at the closing. First, the licenses would be *pro forma* assigned through PCC-controlled intermediate subsidiaries to Price Communications Wireless, Inc. (“PCW”), a wholly owned subsidiary of PCC. Second, PCW would assign the licenses to Cellco in return for a partnership interest in Cellco. As a result, Cellco would become the licensee.²

¹ We note that the applicants have also filed applications to assign International 214 authority. See File Nos. ITC-ASG-20001229-00763, ITC-ASG-20001229-00764, ITC-ASG-20001229-00765, ITC-ASG-20001229-00766, ITC-ASG-20001229-00767, ITC-ASG-20001229-00768, and ITC-ASG-20001229-00769. Those applications will be processed separately by the Telecommunications Division of the International Bureau.

² As discussed above, PCW will engage in a series of *pro forma* consolidations prior to consummation of the ultimate transaction. At this time, the applicants state that it is not possible to know whether they will ultimately require authority either to transfer control of the licensees or to assign the licenses. Accordingly, the applicants have requested alternative consents to assign the licenses listed below or transfer of the licensees for those licenses.

The following applications have been filed for consent to assign the licenses listed below and have been assigned the file numbers indicated.

SECTION 310 APPLICATIONS

Part 22 – Cellular Radiotelephone Service

<u>File Number</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Call Sign (Lead)</u>
0000304925	Price Communications Wireless II, Inc.	KNKN684
0000304918	Price Communications Wireless III, Inc.	KNKA688
0000304938	Price Communications Wireless IV, Inc.	KNKA522
0000304924	Price Communications Wireless V, Inc.	KNKA563
0000304932	Price Communications Wireless VI, Inc.	KNKQ438
0000304916	Price Communications Wireless VII, Inc.	KNKA705
0000304929	Price Communications Wireless VIII, Inc.	KNKA579
0000304937	Price Communications Wireless IX, Inc.	KNKA662

Part 101 – Fixed Microwave Service

<u>File Number</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Call Sign (Lead)</u>
0000304925	Price Communications Wireless II, Inc.	WML214
0000304918	Price Communications Wireless III, Inc.	WLV253
0000304938	Price Communications Wireless IV, Inc.	WPOS329
0000304932	Price Communications Wireless VI, Inc.	WPJF480
0000304916	Price Communications Wireless VII, Inc.	WLW420
0000304929	Price Communications Wireless VIII, Inc.	WLK713
0000304937	Price Communications Wireless IX, Inc.	WMS873
0000305091	Palmer Wireless Holdings, Inc.	WMK532

GENERAL INFORMATION

The applications referenced herein have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules or policies.

Final action will not be taken on these applications earlier than 31 days following the date of this Public Notice. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 309(b). Interested parties may file comments or petitions to deny no later than **February 16, 2001**. Replies to such pleadings may be filed no later than **February 26, 2001**. All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to **WT Docket No. 01-8 and DA 01-120**, as well as the specific file numbers of the individual applications or other matters to which the filings pertain.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a), which permits the Commission to adopt modified or more stringent *ex parte* procedures in particular proceedings if the public interest so requires, we announce that this proceeding will be governed by permit-but-disclose *ex parte* procedures that are applicable to non-restricted proceedings under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. **Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 1.927(i), *ex parte* notifications filed must be served on all parties to the proceeding.**

An original and four copies of all pleadings must be filed with the Commission's Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554, in accordance with Section 1.51(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.51(c). **In addition, one copy of each pleading must be delivered to each of the following locations:** (1) the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554; (2) Office of Media Relations Reference Operations Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554; (3) Lauren Kravetz, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 4-A163, Washington, D.C. 20554; (4) John Branscome, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 4-A161, Washington, D.C. 20554; and (5) Jamison Prime, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 4-A737, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Instead of filing paper comments, parties may file comments using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS"). *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply

Copies of the applications and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may be obtained from ITS. The applications and documents are also available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the following Commission office: Office of Media Relations, Reference Operations Division, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, the applications under Parts 22 and 101 are available electronically through the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Universal Licensing System, which may be accessed on the Commission's Internet web site at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Furthermore, all of the applications are available to the public through ECFS under the docket number of this proceeding, WT Docket No. 01-8.

For further information, contact Lauren Kravetz or John Branscome, Commercial Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-7240 (Part 22), and Jamison Prime, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0680 (Part 101).

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