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445 12th Street, SW
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Berkshire Cable Corporation d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance
and Citizens Communications Company
Application for Transfer of Control of International Section 214 Authorization
File No. ITC-1/C-20010521-00317

Dear Madam Secretary:

On June 1, 2001, the referenced application appeared on the Commission's Public Notice as accepted for filing. This application was filed on May 21, 2001, in the context of a proposed merger of Berkshire Telephone Corporation ("Berkshire"), the parent of Berkshire Cable Corporation d/b/a Berkshire Long Distance, with Citizens Communications Company ("Citizens"). Under the Agreement and Plan of Merger, Berkshire will survive as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citizens and continue its provision of telecommunications and other services.

Consummation of the proposed transaction also requires the Commission's consent to transfer control of a domestic interstate Section 214 authorization, as well as the transfer of two radio licenses; these authorizations have not yet issued. The parties recognize that all necessary authorizations, including grant of the referenced application, are required before the parties may consummate the proposed merger. Accordingly, Berkshire and Citizens confirm that consummation of the transfer of control requested in the referenced application will occur only upon the Commission's grant of all four currently pending applications.

Please refer any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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