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The parties to this application request Federal Communications Commission consent to the proposed *pro forma* transfer of control of TelAlaska Incorporated (“TelAlaska” or the “Licensee”), with respect to Domestic Satellite Earth Station E080229, from American Broadband Communications, LLC (“American Broadband” or “Transferor”) to American Broadband Companies, LLC (“ABC, LLC” or “Transferee”).

The proposed *pro forma* transfer of control will occur upon the completion of an internal corporate reorganization in which a newly created intermediate subsidiary, ABC, LLC, is inserted into the chain of ownership between American Broadband and American Broadband Holding Company. As a result of this internal corporate reorganization, there will be no actual change in control and Patrick L. Eudy will retain ultimate *de jure* control over the Licensee and its operating company affiliates by virtue of his greater than 50 percent indirect ownership interest in the Licensee following the close of this transaction. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the transaction is *pro forma* in nature.

Expedited processing of the instant application is requested so that TelAlaska will be able to continue operation of station E080229 and provide two-way voice and data services, which represent life-line communications and the only communications link with the outside world for many of its subscribers in rural/remote areas of Alaska. The communities that are served by this system are located in extremely remote areas of Alaska. The system provides TelAlaska’s customers with their only access to voice and data, Internet, and video conference services. TelAlaska provides services to two (2) common carriers as well as 16 businesses, five (5) schools, a healthcare clinic, 1,207 Internet customers and 1,169 cellular customers. Expedited processing will prevent a substantial disruption to these vital communications services that cannot be easily replicated (if at all) – in great measure due to the remoteness of the communities served, the significant distances from urbanized areas and harsh weather conditions in Alaska. Without these communications services, TelAlaska’s customers would not be able to make calls for emergency services or otherwise obtain critical information via the Internet in the event of an emergency. Accordingly, expedited processing of the instant application is in the public interest.

Licensee and Mr. Eudy are the real parties in interest with respect to this application.

No party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits due to a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862.

Pursuant to Section 1.923(e) of the Commission’s Rules, the applicants state that this *pro forma* transfer of control application is categorically exempt from environmental

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processing under Section 1.1306 of the Commission's Rules because a *pro forma* transfer of control can have no environmental effect.

Grant of the instant application will serve the public interest by permitting Licensee to provide telecommunications and information services to the public in rural Alaska.