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BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Jeff R. Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615



Re: Notification of Indirect Transfer of Control Through Ultimate Parent-Level Transaction and Certain Related Financing Transactions – Securus

Technologies, Inc.

Dear Executive Director Derouen:

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Commission of (a) the consummation of an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated March 14, 2013 ("Merger Agreement") which effected the indirect transfer of control of Securus Technologies, Inc. ("STI") as a result of the acquisition of control of its ultimate corporate parent, Connect Acquisition Corp. ("Connect"), by Securus Investment Holdings, LLC ("SIH"), through a parent-level merger transaction and (b) certain related financing transactions in connection with the consummation of the indirect transfer of control. The transaction was consummated on April 30, 2013.

This transaction was totally transparent to the customers of STI and did not involve the sale, assignment, lease or transfer of the STI authorization, any of STI's assets or its customer base to any other entity. STI did not merge or combine with any other entity. STI remains a separate entity authorized by the Commission to provide the services that it had been providing, and it continues to provide those services under its current name. STI's intercorporate relationships with its immediate parent and Connect did not change.

1. <u>Background</u> – STI is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 14651 Dallas Parkway, 6th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75254. STI is a privately held and indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Connect, which also is a Delaware corporation. STI is authorized to provide inmate telephone services in the State of Kentucky. Pursuant to that authorization STI is currently providing telecommunications services to

¹ The Commission has assigned STI Utility ID 5609400.



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a number of confinement and correctional facilities in the State of Kentucky. The terms and conditions of these services have not changed as a result of this parent-level transaction (i.e., no tariff or rate changes). The current management of STI will continue in place and operate STI.

- 2. <u>Prior Ownership Structure</u> Prior to the transaction which is the subject of this notice, the ultimate controlling entity of STI was Castle Harlan Partners V, L.P. ("Castle Partners"), through a series of intervening Delaware holding companies that are not involved in the provision of telecommunications services.² An outline of that structure is reflected on Attachment A.
- 3. <u>Description of Indirect Transfer of Control Transaction</u> Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, a newly-formed subsidiary of SIH, Connect Merger Sub, Inc., merged into and with Connect, with Connect remaining as the surviving corporation. As a result, STI is now an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of SIH. Approximately 96.4% of the interests in SIH is held by Securus Special Investments, LLC ("SSI"), with the remaining interests held by members of STI and its affiliates' management. SSI is controlled by ABRY Partners VII, L.P. ("ABRY VII"), an affiliate of ABRY Partners ("ABRY"), a Boston-based private equity investment firm focused solely on media, communications, business, and information services investments. Neither ABRY VII nor ABRY are providers of telecommunications services. The revised ownership structure as a result of the transaction is shown at Attachment B.
- 4. <u>Financing Of Transaction</u> The transaction was financed, in part, through financing obtained by Securus Technologies Holdings, Inc., the immediate parent of STI, which permits the borrowing through several credit facilities of up to \$640.0 million, with STI and certain of its affiliates acting as guarantors and providing security interests in their assets and pledges of their stock.

As noted above, this transaction was non-controversial and was transparent and seamless to all customers of STI. There are no changes in rates, terms or conditions of STI's services as part or as a result of this transaction. In addition, the management and relevant contact information for STI remains the same as the Commission's records currently reflect.

This transaction will strengthen STI financially by bringing new financially sound stakeholders into the ownership chain. Completion of the transaction therefore will help STI to continue to provide services to its customers and potentially expand or enhance those services at new facilities in the State.

² The Commission was notified of the Castle Partners ownership by letter dated May 31, 2011.



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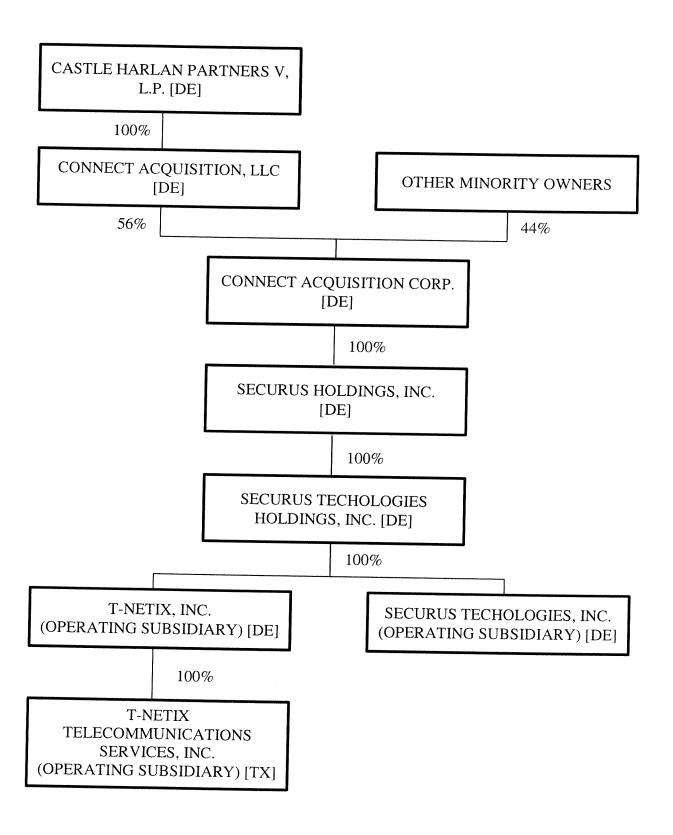
Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed Federal Express envelope to indicate your receipt. Please contact me with any questions you may have concerning this transaction.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Besozzi

cc: Bennett L. Ross (counsel for SIH)

ATTACHMENT A



ATTACHMENT B

Post-Closing Holding Structure

