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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF
SECURUS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (F/K/A EVERCOM SYSTEMS, INC.),
T-NETIX, INC., AND T-NETIX TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.
TO CONNECT ACQUISITION CORP.**

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 11-68

Comments Due: May 6, 2011

Reply Comments Due: May 13, 2011

On April 13, 2011, Securus Holdings, Inc. (SHI), Securus Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a Evercom Systems, Inc.) (STI), T-NETIX, Inc. (TNI), T-NETIX Telecommunications Services, Inc. (T-NETIX Telecom), and Connect Acquisition Corp. (Connect) (collectively, Applicants) filed applications pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules¹ seeking approval for the transfer of control of STI, TNI, and T-NETIX Telecom, the operating subsidiaries of SHI, to Connect.

STI, a wholly owned subsidiary of Securus Technologies Holdings, Inc. (STHI), wholly owns TNI, which in turn is the parent of T-NETIX Telecom. STHI is a wholly owned subsidiary of SHI. SHI is, in turn, a subsidiary of STI Technology Holdings, LLC (STITH). All entities are U.S.-based. STHI, SHI, and STITH are not providers of telecommunications services.² STI, TNI, and T-NETIX Telecom provide inmate calling and public payphone services principally to or at confinement facilities in multiple states.

Connect is a newly formed Delaware corporation established for purposes of the proposed transaction. Castle Harlan Partners V, L.P. (Castle Partners), a Delaware limited partnership, owns 94 percent of Connect. Castle Partners is controlled by its general partner, Castle Harlan Associates V, L.P. (Castle Associates), a Delaware limited partnership. Castle Associates is controlled by its general partner, Castle Harlan Partners V GP, Inc., a Delaware corporation, owned by John Castle (U.S citizen, 66.667 percent) and Leonard Harlan (U.S. citizen, 33.333 percent). Applicants state that Connect currently has no telecommunications affiliates.

¹ 47 C.F.R § 63.03; see 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications. Applicants filed a supplement to their domestic section 214 applications on April 20, 2011.

² Applicants state that the ultimate controlling interest in STITH is held by H.I.G.-T-NETIX, Inc., an affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, LLC, a Florida based private equity firm.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Applicants state that SHI has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger among Connect, Connect Merger Corp. (Connect Merger Sub), a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Connect, and STITH. Connect Merger Sub will merge with and into SHI, and, upon completion of the transaction, the separate existence of Connect Merger Sub will cease, and SHI will be the surviving corporation. STI, TNI, and T-NETIX Telecom will then be wholly owned, indirect subsidiaries of Connect. Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.³

Domestic Section 214 Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of Securus Technologies, Inc. (f/k/a Evercom Systems, Inc.), T-NETIX, Inc., and T-NETIX Telecommunications Services, Inc. to Connect Acquisition Corp., WC Docket No. 11-68 (filed Apr. 13, 2011).

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before May 6, 2011**, and reply comments **on or before May 13, 2011**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁴ Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

⁴ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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- 5) Jim Bird, Office of General Counsel, jim.bird@fcc.gov.

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