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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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		TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED JOINT PETITION OF INTELEPEER, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE CERTAIN PRO FORMA INTRA-	)	ORDER
CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS	)	DOCKET NO. TM11100640

Parties of Record:

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#### BY THE BOARD:

On October 11, 2011, IntelePeer, Inc. ("IntelePeer" or Petitioner") by their counsel, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-51.1 and 48:3-7, and the regulations of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board"), filed a petition with the Board requesting approval for IntelePeer to undertake one or more intra-corporate transactions whereby the Petitioner intends to (1) insert one or more holding companies between IntelePeer and its current direct shareholders; (2) move IntelePeer's subsidiary, IntelePeer Virginia, Inc., under the new holding company, making IntelePeer Virginia, Inc. an affiliate of IntelePeer Inc., rather than a subsidiary of IntelePeer, Inc.; and (3) assign certain assets into one or more affiliates of IntelePeer. Upon consummation of the transfer, IntelePeer will continue to offer services to current customers at existing terms, rates and conditions.

### **BACKGROUND**

IntelePeer, Inc. is organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with principal offices located in San Mateo, California. According to the petition, IntelePeer provides fully managed, hosted, on demand peering infrastructure to directly exchange voice traffic over internet protocol or legacy time division multiplexing networks between any application and any telephone device. IntelePeer was granted authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in New Jersey on March 17, 2010. See Order,

Petition of IntelePeer Inc. for Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Interexchange
Telecommunications Services Throughout the State of New Jersey, Docket No. TE09110897.
Additional information and qualifications of IntelePeer can be found in that Order. Petitioner notes that it has no employees in New Jersey.

#### DISCUSSION

According to the petition, IntelePeer proposes to complete a series of pro forma intra-corporate transactions with the first being that one or more holding companies will be inserted between IntelePeer and its current direct shareholders. Secondly, IntelePeer may move its subsidiary, IntelePeer Virginia, Inc., under the new holding company, making IntelePeer Virginia Inc. an affiliate of IntelePeer Inc. Finally, IntelePeer proposes to assign the legal title of certain assets to one or more affiliates.

Petitioner states that the insertion of the holding company(ies) in the ownership chain will not affect the ultimate ownership of IntelePeer. The current ultimate owners of IntelePeer will remain the same following the transactions and as such will not affect the day-to-day operations of IntelePeer. Petitioner also points out that the transfer of assets will not result in the transfer of customers and will be undertaken in a manner that will be seamless to consumers as operational control to operate those assets will remain with IntelePeer and IntelePeer will continue to operate those assets through arrangements with assignee(s) for the continued provision of services to its customers.

The petition asserts that the proposed transactions are in the public interest because it will better enable the Petitioner to undertake equity and debt financing transactions in the future, and will enable the company to allocate assets into specialized segments to better focus its operations. The petition states that there will be no change in the provider's service, billing, personnel or contact information.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

After a thorough review of the petition and all related documents, the Board concludes that there will be no negative impact on rates or service quality since IntelePeer's New Jersey customers will continue to receive the same services from the same entities at the same rates and under the same terms and conditions. Moreover, the Board is satisfied that positive benefits will flow to customers based on the record presented by Petitioner as the transactions will strengthen IntelePeer's competitive posture in the telecommunications market due to its access to additional resources.

The Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u> that Petitioner shall notify the Board of the closing of the proposed transactions within ten (10) days of consummation. The Board <u>FURTHER ORDERS</u> that this approval will expire if the transactions are not fully consummated on or before December 31, 2012.

DATED: /2/15/11

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