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Re: Notification by ConnectAmerica, Inc. and Interactive Services US, Inc. of an Asset Purchase Agreement and request to Waive Verification Requirements of Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-4.118.

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of ConnectAmerica, Inc. ("Connect") and Interactive Services, US, Inc. ("ISI") this letter is to advise the Commission of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") which the companies propose to consummate, and to request that the Commission waive the verification requirements of Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-4.118. It is our understanding, based upon review of the applicable statutes and regulations, that this transaction does not require prior Commission approval. Accordingly, absent written notice to the contrary within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, the parties will proceed to consummate the transaction in a timely fashion.

Connect and ISI propose to consummate the Agreement whereby Connect will purchase the customer base and related book of business of ISI. The transition from ISI to Connect will be seamless and transparent.

Connect is a Delaware corporation with principal offices located at 1842 Centre Point, #128, Naperville, Illinois 60563. Connect is a non-dominant carrier that provides resold long distance telecommunications services. Connect is a certificated carrier in this State.1

<sup>1</sup> Connect provides intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in this State pursuant to authority granted in Docket No. 97-1031, Company Code No. TJ012, dated February 7, 1998.



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ISI is a privately held Illinois corporation with principal offices located at 9 S. 412 Frontage Road, Willowbrook, Illinois 60527. ISI is a certificated carrier in this State.<sup>2</sup>

The proposed Acquisition will accomplish the following:

- a. ISI shall sell, transfer and assign to Connect all of ISI's right, title and interest in and to the Assets, as further described in the Agreement;
- b. In consideration for the above transfer and sale of Assets, Connect will pay to ISI the purchase price set forth in the Agreement.
- c. Following the Transaction, ISI will discontinue the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to the authority previously granted to ISI in this State.

Connect proposes this Transaction to transfer and consolidate the business and customer accounts of ISI in order to create a single, larger provider of telecommunications services, facilitating efficiencies for the benefit for all of Connect's and ISI's customers. By virtue of the Transaction, Connect will realize significant economic, marketing and administrative efficiencies.

The technical, managerial and financial personnel Connect will continue servicing the transferred ISI customers with the same high level of expertise that they have enjoyed in the past.

Upon consummation of the proposed transaction, Connect intends to notify all current end users of ISI of the Transaction by bill insert. Connect anticipates that none of the customers of ISI will experience any change in rates due to the transaction. To the extent that any of ISI's rates are not presently included in Connect's Tariffs, Connect will amend its Tariffs accordingly to include such rates. As a result, the transaction should not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ISI provides intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in this State pursuant to authority granted in Docket No. 020932, Company Code No. TJ712, dated December 4, 2002.

cause any inconvenience or confusion to the pre-existing customers of either ISI or

Connect.

Critical to the proposed transaction and consolidation of customer accounts is the

need to ensure the continuation of high quality service to all customers currently served by

ISI. The proposed transaction will serve the public interest for the following reasons:

- a. It will enable Connect to provide a streamlined level of service for all involved customers by creating a single, larger provider of telecommunications services to the customers in this State. The Transaction will enhance the operating efficiencies, including market efficiencies, of Connect.
- b. It will increase the appeal to present and potential customers because of Connect's larger size and greater variety of service offerings and market visibility.
- c. Finally, it will result in cost savings as the result of discounts on quantity purchasing of underlying services.

The parties are forwarding this letter to the Commission for informational purposes, to be included in the appropriate files **and to request that the Commission waive the verification requirements of Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-4.118**. Absent receipt of written notification to the contrary within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, we will proceed under the understanding that no approval or other formal action is required by the Commission prior to consummation of the proposed transaction.

Enclosed are the original and seven (7) copies of this letter. Please return one (1) of the copies file-stamped in the envelope provided. If you need any further information or have any questions regarding the matters discussed herein, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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