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Re:

Talk America, Inc., LDMI Telecommunications, Inc., Network Telephone Corporation and The Other Phone Company, Inc. Notice of Indirect Transfer of Control

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

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Cavalier Telephone Corporation ("CTC"), a Delaware corporation and non-certificated holding company, and Talk America Holdings, Inc. ("TA Holdings")<sup>2</sup>, with and on behalf of its Florida -certificated operating subsidiaries Talk America, Inc. ("Talk America"), LDMI Telecommunications, Inc. ("LDMI"), Network Telephone Corporation ("NTC"), and The Other Phone Company, Inc. ("OPC"),(collectively, the "Parties"), hereby notify the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") of their intent of consummating a transaction whereby Holdings will acquire indirect control of Talk America, LDMI, NTC and OPC, competitive carriers that hold authority from the Commission to provide telecommunications services in Florida (the "Transaction").

Upon a review of Florida statutes and Commission rules, the Parties understand that approval of the Transaction by the Commission is not required. Accordingly, the parties submit this filing as a courtesy and to ensure the continuing accuracy of the Commission's records.

### I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES

CTC is a Delaware corporation whose business address is 2134 West Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23227. CTC is sole member of Holdings. In turn, Holdings' wholly-owned direct and indirect subsidiaries include: Cavalier Telephone LLC ("Cavalier"), Cavalier Telephone Mid-Atlantic, LLC ("CTMA"), Elantic Telecom,

CTC is the parent company of Cavtel Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Holdings"), which itself is the non-certificated parent of all other entities in the "Cavalier family" of companies. As such, CTC is the direct parent of Holdings, and Holdings is the direct and indirect parent of, *inter alia*, the certificated operating subsidiaries described herein.

TA Holdings, a Delaware corporation, is a non-certificated holding company whose direct and indirect subsidiaries include, *inter alia*, the operating companies described herein.

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Inc. ("Elantic")<sup>3</sup>, Cavalier Networks, LLC ("Networks") and Cavalier Acquisition Corp. ("Acquisition"), a Delaware corporation formed for the specific purpose of effecting the Transaction described herein. CTC's indirect operating subsidiaries employ over 1,000 people to bring a wide array of telephone and data service offerings, through more than 390,000 access lines, to more than 250,000 business and residential customers in the United States.

TA Holdings is a publicly-held Delaware corporation, headquartered in New Hope, Pennsylvania. TA Holdings is the parent of authorized local and long distance telecommunications carriers Talk America, LDMI, OPC, NTC and Talk America of Virginia, Inc., which collectively serve a nationwide customer base. TA Holdings' operating subsidiaries are authorized to provide local and long distance telecommunications on essentially a nationwide basis.<sup>4</sup>

## II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

The proposed Transaction will be accomplished by a series of steps: (1) CTC's direct subsidiary Holdings borrowing from a syndication of lenders sufficient capital to effect the acquisition and related buybacks of preferred stock, common stock, and options, and to provide for anticipated post-Transaction working capital and other operations needs of and between the subject operating companies, as described herein; (2) CTC (indirectly through Holdings), acquiring all of the issued and outstanding shares of TA Holdings; and (3) TA Holdings being merged into Acquisition with TA Holdings surviving.

As a result of these steps, Holdings, and by extension CTC, will indirectly control Talk America, LDMI, NTC, and OPC. For the Commission's convenience, preand post-Transaction illustrative charts are provided as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>.

In Florida, Elantic Telecom, Inc. is authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications services pursuant to Docket No. 011218 granted January 30, 2002.

In Florida, Talk America is authorized to provide local exchange and resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Docket Nos. 960569, 920294-TI effective August 7, 1996 and July 29, 1992, respectively. LDMI is authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Docket No. 4376. Network Telephone Corporation is authorized to provide facilities based and resold local exchange and resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Docket Nos. 98-0134, 98-0547 effective April 17, 1998 and August 18, 1998 respectively. The Other Phone Company is authorized to provide facilities based and resold local exchange and resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to Certificate Nos. 4100, 4099 effective February 13, 1997.

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#### III. THE TRANSACTION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The Parties submit that the Transaction will enable the CTC and TA Holdings operating subsidiaries to strengthen their competitive positions in Florida to the benefit of Florida consumers and the State's telecommunications marketplace. Further, the Transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be transparent to customers of Talk America, LDMI, NTC and OPC. The transfer of control of Talk America, LDMI, NTC and OPC will not result in a change of carrier for customers or any transfer of authorizations. Following consummation of the proposed Transaction, Talk America, LDMI, NTC and OPC will continue to provide high-quality communications services to their customers without interruption and without immediate change in rates, terms or conditions.

Moreover, the Transaction will bring together two successful carrier organizations that have proven themselves in a highly competitive marketplace. This Transaction will help create a stronger, more enduring competitor than either carrier could achieve on its own in a similar time frame. By bringing together each organization's respective strengths, product suites, and geographic footprints, the combined organization will realize substantial synergies and cost-savings. Finally, the Parties will be able to gain greater access to capital markets and consequently become better positioned to pursue a profitable growth strategy. For these reasons, the Parties submit that the Transaction is in the public interest.

### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the Parties respectfully submit that the Transaction will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity. An original and seven (7) copies of this letter are enclosed for filing. Also enclosed is a diskette containing a PDF copy of the notification letter on Adobe Acrobat 7.0 Standard. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this letter and return it in the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Please contact the undersigned if the Commission has any questions regarding this matter.

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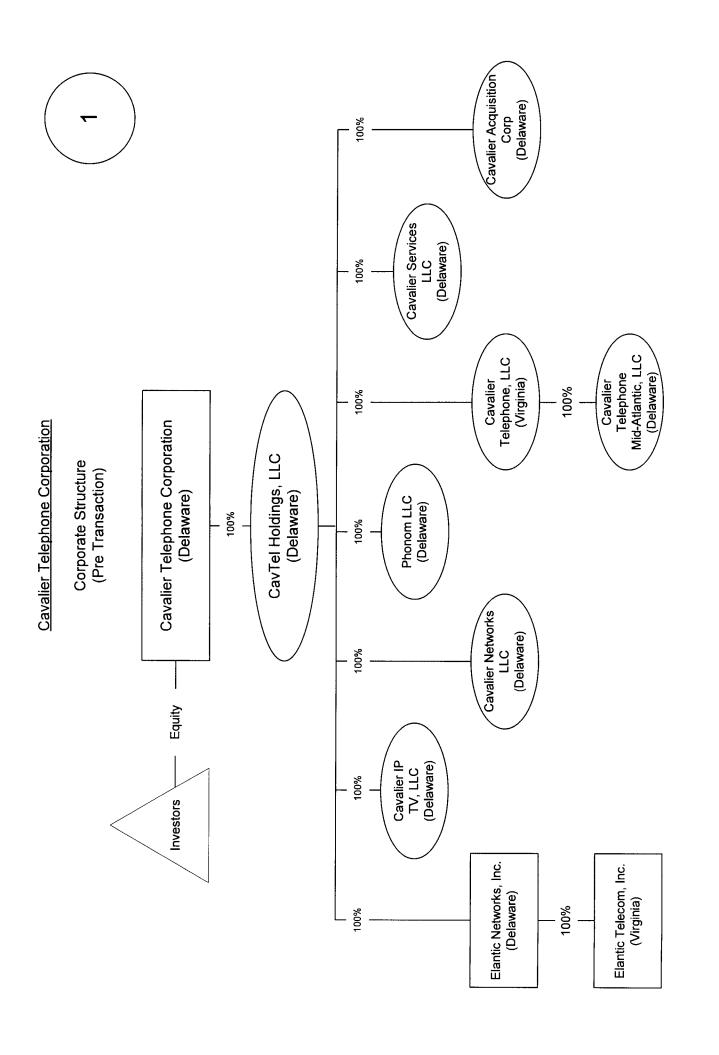
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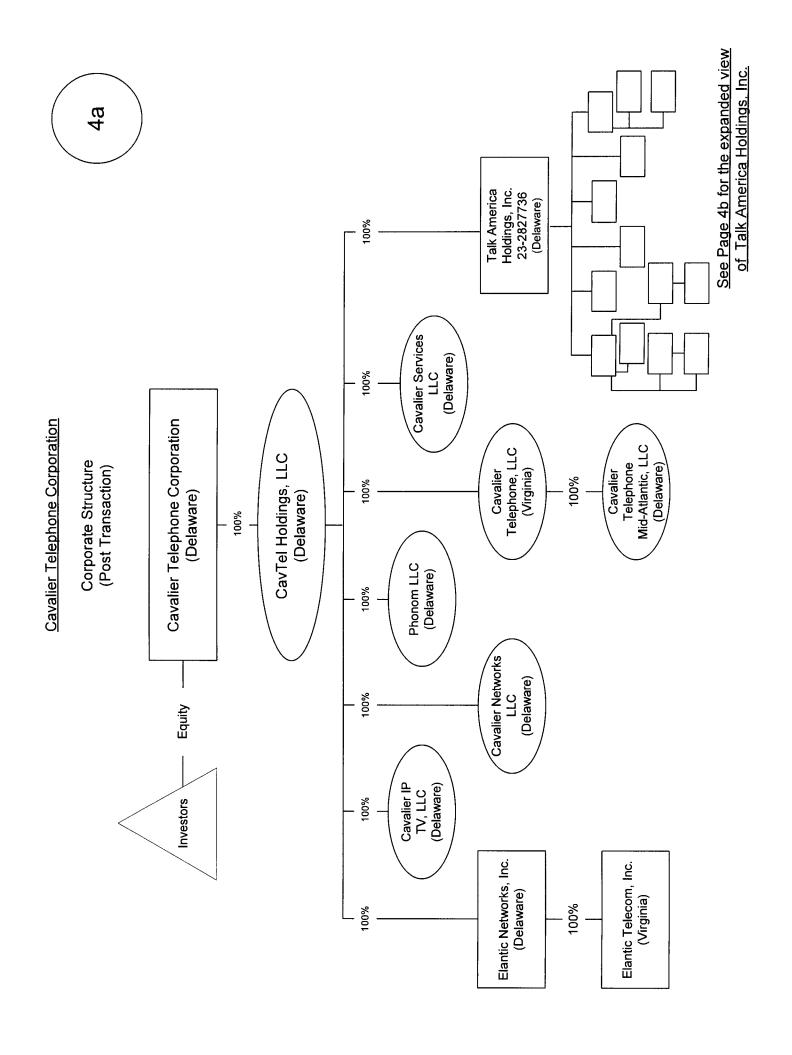
Pre- and Post-Transaction Illustrative Chart

Verifications

# **EXHIBIT A**

Pre and Post Illustrative Chart





# **VERIFICATIONS**

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA	
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COUNTY OF BUCKS	§

### VERIFICATION

I, Aloysius T. Lawn, IV, state that I am the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Talk America Holdings, Inc., the parent of Talk America, Inc.; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Talk America Holdings, Inc. and its operating entities; that the foregoing Notification was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Aloysius T. Lawn, IV

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

Talk America Holdings, Inc.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 27th day of 2006.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 5\20\08

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STATE OF	Virginia	
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CITY OF	Richmond	ξ

## VERIFICATION

I, David Whitt, state that I am CFO of Cavalier Telephone Corporation; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Cavalier Telephone Corporation and its operating entities; that the foregoing Notification was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

David Whitt

CFO

Cavalier Telephone Corporation

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 28 day of September, 2006.

Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-29-08