# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Joint Petition for Authority For	)
PNG Telecommunications, Inc.	) Docket No.
d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications	)
d/b/a CrossConnect	)
To Acquire Certain Assets of	)
Global Touch Telecom, Inc.	)

# JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO ACQUIRE ASSETS AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL

PNG Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications d/b/a

CrossConnect ("PNG" or "Buyer") and GlobalTouch Telecom, Inc. ("GlobalTouch" or "Seller")

collectively (the "Parties"), pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Florida Public Service

Commission ("Commission"), hereby request that the Commission approve the acquisition by

Buyer of a portion of the telecommunications customer base of Seller and to grant such relief on
an expedited basis to allow for the consummation of the transaction without undue delay.

Expeditious approval of this Joint Petition will allow Seller to promptly assume responsibility for
the provision of telecommunications services to the affected Florida customers and bestow the
benefit to such customers from this transaction. The Parties therefore respectfully request that
the approval of this Joint Petition be granted on an expedited basis.

### I. The Applicants

PNG Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications d/b/a CrossConnect (TI346, TX409)

PNG, an Ohio corporation, holds authorization under Section 214 of the Communications

Act of 1934, as amended, to provide domestic interstate and international telecommunications service.

PNG also is authorized to and is providing interexchange telecommunications services in Florida

and in the 47 other contiguous United States.

The principal office of PNG is located at:

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Global Touch Telecom, Inc. (TJ849)

Global Touch, a Delaware corporation, holds authorization under Section 214 of the

Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to provide domestic interstate and international

telecommunications service. Global Touch also is authorized to and is providing interexchange

telecommunications services in Florida and in the 47 other contiguous United States.

II. Designated Contacts

The designated contacts for questions concerning this Joint Petition are as follows:

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#### III. The Transaction

Pursuant to the Agreement between Global Touch and PNG, PNG will purchase certain customers from Global Touch. After the closing, Buyer will provide telecommunications services to Seller's customers pursuant to its own telecommunications authorizations. After consummation of the transactions, Seller will continue to provide services apart from the business being acquired by Buyer.

The proposed transfer of customers to Buyer will have no adverse impact on customers. Seller's customers will continue to receive their existing services at the same rates, terms, and conditions that they have prior to the transfer and any future changes in the rates, terms, and conditions of service will be made consistent with applicable laws and regulations. To avoid customer confusion and ensure a seamless transition, the Parties have provided advance written notice to the affected customers at least thirty (30) days prior to the transfer, explaining the change in service provider in accordance with applicable Commission and state regulations for changing a customer's presubscribed carrier. A copy of the notice of the transfer sent February 11, 2008 is attached as EXHIBIT A.

### IV. Public Interest Analysis

The transaction contemplated by the Agreement will serve the public interest. Buyer is a strong company that will continue to provide high quality services to Seller's customers. The purchased customers not only will continue to receive the same services they currently purchase from Seller but also will have access to additional and enhanced products and services offered by Buyer.

The proposed transfer does not present any competitive issues. The Parties note that there are a number of other carriers operating in each market, including the incumbent carrier,

which controls a substantial market share.

Further, Buyer has extensive experience offering interexchange telecommunications services. Consequently, the former Seller customers will continue to receive these services from an experienced and qualified carrier. These customers will also be given sufficient notification of the proposed transaction and their rights. As such, the Parties anticipate that customers will experience a seamless transition of service provider.

## V. Expedited Treatment Requested

The Parties hereby respectfully requests that this Joint Petition be considered on an expedited basis.

WHEREFORE, Buyer and Seller, for the reasons stated in this Joint Petition, respectfully request that the Commission approve the acquisition of certain customers of Seller described herein.

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### **REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

Pursuant to rule 25-4.118(1), Florida Administrative Code, the local, local toll call, or long distance provider of customers shall not be changed without the customer's authorization. Rule 25-4-118(2) provides that a certified interexchange shall submit a change request only if at least one of the following actions has occurred: (a) the provider has a letter of agency; (b) the provider has received a customer-initiated call; or (c) a third party firm has verified the customer's requested change. The Parties ask the Commission to waive the conditions in 25-4.118(2) in order to allow the transfer of customers of record. The Parties have made the necessary filing with the Federal Communications Commission in accordance with the streamlined procedures currently effective.

WHEREFORE, Global Touch Telecom, Inc. ("Global Touch") and PNG

Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a PowerNet Global Communications d/b/a CrossConnect ("PNG")

respectfully request that the Commission authorize the sale of assets from Global Touch to PNG.

In addition, the Parties respectfully request expedited processing of this Joint Petition so that the transaction may proceed without undue delay, and that the Commission grant such other relief deemed necessary or proper.

Respectfully submitted,

**PowerNet Global Communications** 

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#### VERIFICATION

I, Dennis Packer, am the General Counsel of PNG Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a
PowerNet Global Communications d/b/a CrossConnect ("PNG") and am authorized to make this
verification on its behalf. I do hereby verify that if a customer of PowerNet Global
Communications files a complaint about the service provided or disputes an invoice that was
received prior to the acquisition by PNG, then PNG will refer such customers to Global Touch
Telecom, Inc. ("Global Touch") and Global Touch will work with the customer and/or
Commission to resolve the complaint within the following guidelines:

Adjustments to customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

Liability arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or facilities, and not caused by negligence of its employees or its agents, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the

proportionate charges to the customer for the period during which the aforementioned faults in transmission occur, unless ordered by the Commission.

Executed on February 13, 2008.

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Dennis Packer General Counsel

Sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this 13th day of February 2008.

Notary Public

Robert A. Johnson Jr.

Print or Type Name

My commission expires: 5-19-10

ROBERT A. JOHNSON, JH NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO ALY COMMISSION EXPIRES 05-19-10

## **EXHIBIT A**

Notice to Customers





[Date]

[Customer Name] [Address Line 1] [Address Line 2]

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE

Dear GlobalTouch Telecom Customer:

There is some exciting news to report regarding your telecommunications services. We are proud to announce that GlobalTouch Telecom has entered into an agreement with PowerNet Global Communications ("PNG") through which your telecommunications services, currently provided by GlobalTouch Telecom, will now be provided by PNG.

PNG is a nationwide integrated telecommunications provider serving customers with a full suite of voice and data services, including local and long distance telephone service and high-speed internet service. PNG's mission has always been to deliver outstanding value to its customers through a commitment to excellence in products and customer support.

There is no action required on your part. Your long distance service will be transferred automatically to PNG and you will continue to receive long distance services at the same rates, terms and conditions that you have currently. There also will be no charges assessed to your bill as a result of this transfer. Following the transfer, notice of any future changes in rates, terms and conditions of service will be provided to you as required by the law of your state.

PNG expects that the transfer will occur on or about March 17, 2008; depending on when we receive the appropriate regulatory approvals. Please be advised that if you have placed a "freeze" on your long distance services to prevent their unauthorized transfer to another carrier, it will be automatically lifted to implement a seamless transfer of your services to PNG. If you would like your freeze protection reestablished, please contact your local service provider after the transfer takes place.

Although you are free to choose another long distance carrier at any time, we value your business and are confident that you will be pleased with the superior service that you will receive from PNG. If you do not choose a new long distance carrier before March 17, 2008, your long distance service will be transferred automatically to PNG where we pledge our commitment to provide you with quality services and personalized customer care as we move forward.

If you have questions about the transfer or your service to PNG, you may contact our Customer Care department at 1-866-203-5080. Once again, we look forward to serving you and welcome to PowerNet Global.

Sincerely,

Stuart Chowning

President - Consumer Solutions
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Sincerely,

Cliff Rees
President and COO
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