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**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of:

TELINK NETWORKS SW, LLC

Petition for Declaratory Ruling Under
Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications
Act of 1934, as amended

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To: Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

**PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING
UNDER SECTION 310(b)(4) OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

Pursuant to Section 1.2 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.2, Telink Networks SW, LLC ("Networks") hereby respectfully requests a declaratory ruling that the proposed indirect foreign ownership interest in Networks by Patrick H. Barringer through Telink Holdings LLC ("Holdings") is consistent with the public interest standard established by Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("the Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4).

BACKGROUND

Networks is a Nevada limited liability company with two members: Scott Nisbet, who has an 80% ownership interest, and Patrick H. Barringer, who has a 20% ownership interest. Networks is now seeking FCC consent to the transfer of Mr. Nisbet's interest in Networks to Holdings, a Nevada limited liability company controlled by Mr. Barringer, a Canadian citizen. Upon consummation of the transaction for which consent has been sought, Mr. Barringer will

have an 80% indirect ownership interest in Networks. Due to Mr. Barringer's Canadian citizenship, the parties seek a declaratory ruling on indirect non-U.S. ownership under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act.

DISCUSSION

Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act allows up to 100 percent indirect foreign ownership of U.S. common carrier radio licensees, including ownership by foreign corporations, unless the Commission finds that such ownership is not in the public interest.¹ In the *Foreign Participation Order*, the Commission adopted a strong presumption that indirect foreign ownership of common carrier wireless licensees by entities whose home markets are in World Trade Organization ("WTO") Member countries serves the public interest.² In addition to competition-related issues, the Commission's analysis under the public interest standard includes consideration of potential threats to national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, and trade policy. The Commission has noted that it "expect[s] that such concerns will be raised only in very rare circumstances."³

Because Mr. Barringer is a citizen of Canada, a WTO Member country for purposes of the Section 310(b)(4) analysis, the Commission should apply the presumption in favor of entry to Mr. Barringer's 80% indirect ownership of Networks. Indeed, since Canada is a country that enjoys close and friendly relations with the United States, it is highly unlikely that Mr. Barringer's 80% indirect ownership of Networks will raise any Executive Branch concerns.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4).

² *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market; Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-Affiliated Entities*, IB Docket Nos. 97-142 and 95-22, FCC 97-398, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 23891, 23940 (1997) ("Foreign Participation Order"); *modified by Order on Reconsideration*, 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000).

³ *Foreign Participation Order*, 12 FCC Rcd at 23941 ¶ 113.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, Networks respectfully requests that, in the event the Commission consents to the transfer of Mr. Nisbet's interest in Networks to Holdings, the Commission also issue a declaratory ruling confirming that Mr. Barringer's 80% indirect indirect ownership interest in Networks is in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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