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*By E-File (IBFS)*

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Federal Communications  
Commission 445 12th St. SW,  
Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re:           Netrium Networks, Inc.  
Application for International Section 214 Authorization  
IBFS File No. ITC-214-20200204-00027**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Departments of Justice, Homeland Security, and Defense (collectively, the Agencies), write to inform the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that the Agencies are no longer reviewing the above-captioned application for national security and law enforcement concerns. Netrium Networks, Inc. (Netrium) has failed to respond to the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) requests for information despite numerous reminders by e-mail and telephone.

On February 21, 2020, the FCC referred Netrium's application for an international Section 214 authorization to provide resale-based services under 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2). Three days later, on February 24, the Agencies requested that the FCC defer action on the matter in order to review for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues. On February 28, DOJ sent triage questions to Netrium by e-mail and requested responses by March 13, 2020. To date, DOJ has not received triage responses or any request for an extension from Netrium.

DOJ sent e-mails to Netrium seeking updates on March 30, April 14, April 20, and April 28. DOJ sent these e-mails to the address provided in Netrium's Section 214 application ([nbourkas@netrium.ca](mailto:nbourkas@netrium.ca)); the DOJ e-mails sent on April 14, 20, and 28 also copied addresses

provided by Netrium employees over the phone ([projects@netrium.ca](mailto:projects@netrium.ca), [info@netrium.ca](mailto:info@netrium.ca) and [support@netrium.ca](mailto:support@netrium.ca)). Netrium did not provide responses to those e-mails.

DOJ contacted Netrium employees by telephone on April 14 and April 28. On April 14, DOJ spoke with a Netrium employee at the phone number provided in Netrium's Section 214 application (514-447-2060). The Netrium employee stated that he was not aware of the Section 214 application but would take a message for Mr. Naoum Bourkas, the employee listed as Netrium's representative in the application. Later that day on April 14, DOJ received an e-mail from Mr. Bourkas ([nbourkas@netrium.ca](mailto:nbourkas@netrium.ca)) indicating that he had received DOJ's phone message but was unsure of the application mentioned in the message. After receiving this e-mail, DOJ re-sent triage questions on April 14 to Mr. Bourkas. DOJ did not receive any response. On April 28, DOJ again contacted Netrium by telephone and spoke with Mr. Naoum Borkas. He stated that he had encountered delays but intended to submit triage responses the next day, *i.e.*, April 29. To date, DOJ has not received any triage responses from Netrium.

Accordingly, the Agencies recommend that the FCC dismiss Netrium's application without prejudice. *See International Authorizations Granted*, Public Notice, DA No. 19-929, Report No. TEL-01981 (Sept. 19, 2019) (dismissing without prejudice Section 214 application of Plivo Inc., FCC IBFS No. ITC-214-20180302-00042 pursuant to Sections 1.748(a) and 63.51(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.748(a), 63.51(b)).

Respectfully submitted,

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