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## VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Florida Public Service Commission Executive Secretary 2540 Shumard Oak Drive Tallahassee, FL 32399

- RECEIVED-FPSC 14 JAN IS AM II: 09 COMMISSION CLERK
- Re: Notification by Hunt Telecommunications, LLC, Benchmark Communications, LLC and TDMM Cable Funding, LLC of the entering into a Purchase Agreement

Dear Sir or Madam:

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IDM TEL 4 CLK Benchmark Communications, LLC ("Benchmark") its sole member, TDMM Cable Funding, LLC ("TDMM") (collectively, "Transferors") and Hunt Telecommunications, LLC ("Hunt"), (collectively, the "Applicants"), through undersigned counsel herein submit this letter to advise the Commission of the entering into a Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") whereby Hunt will acquire 100% all of TDMM's ownership interest of Benchmark, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement (the "Acquisition")<sup>1</sup>/

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.

Benchmark is a Louisiana limited liability company with principal offices located at 106 Metairie Lawn, Suite 220, Metairie, LA 70001. Benchmark is a certified local and long distance telecommunications provider in this State<sup>2</sup>.

TDMM is a Florida limited liability company with principal offices located at 5000 SW 75th Avenue, Suite 103, Miami, FL 33155. TDMM is not authorized to provide telecommunications

- AFD \_\_\_\_\_1. Benchmark is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TDMM and pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition, Hunt will \_\_\_\_\_\_acquire all of TDMM's membership interests in Benchmark such that following consummation of the transaction, Benchmark shall become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hunt.
- ENG \_\_\_\_\_2 Benchmark provides resold long distance telecommunications services in this State pursuant to authority GCL \_\_\_\_\_\_granted in Docket No. 041407-TI on June 20, 2005 (1XC) and Docket No. 041406-TX, Order No. PSC 05-0388-CO-TX, now Intrastate Registration TJ778.

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LEON L. NOWALSKY EDWARD P. GOTHARD services in this State. TDMM currently owns and operates, either directly or indirectly through wholly-owned subsidiaries, cable, high-speed Internet and information systems at three communities in the State of Florida.

Hunt Telecommunications, LLC ("Hunt") is a Louisiana limited liability company with principal offices located at 106 Metairie Lawn, Suite 220, Metairie, LA 70001. Hunt provides local, long distance, Hosted PBX, VoIP, and Data Services in the State of Louisiana. Hunt is not certified in the State of Florida.

The Acquisition contemplates the following:

- a. Hunt will acquire all of Transferor's right, title and interest in and to the membership interests of Benchmark.
- b. The Transferors will receive the purchase price set forth in the Agreement from Hunt..
- c. Benchmark will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hunt following closing of the transaction.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Acquisition would enhance Benchmark's ability to compete effectively in this State. Hunt is both financially and operationally qualified to consummate the Acquisition. The technical, managerial and financial personnel of Benchmark will assist Hunt with the operation of the acquired business after consummation of the Acquisition. Information on Hunt's management team is attached hereto.

The Acquisition will serve the public interest in that it will serve to create an increased level of operating efficiency which generally will serve to enhance the overall capacity of Benchmark to compete in the marketplace and to provide telecommunications services for a greater number of consumers in this State at competitive rates.

Applicants emphasize that the Acquisition will not change the rates, terms and conditions under which Benchmark's customers presently receive service. The Acquisition will benefit Benchmark customers by enabling them to continue to receive the same high quality services previously rendered to them. Accordingly, approval of the Acquisition will not in any way be detrimental to the public interests of this State.

Applicants do not request transfer of Benchmark's Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity or other operating authority, to Hunt. Rather, because Hunt is purchasing 100% of Benchmark's membership interests from TDMM and Benchmark will continue in operation following the transaction, Benchmark, by becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hunt following consummation of the transaction, will retain its Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and will continue to service its customers pursuant thereto.

The parties are forwarding this letter to the Commission for informational purposes only, to

be included in the appropriate files. Absent receipt of written notification to the contrary within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, the Applicants 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 five (5) 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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