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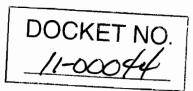
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## Via Overnight Courier

Chairman Mary W. Freeman c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Record Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505



Re: Petition of IntelePeer, Inc. to Enter Into a Financing Arrangement

Dear Chairman Freeman:

On behalf of IntelePeer, Inc. (the "Petitioner"), enclosed for filing with the TRA are an original and thirteen (13) copies of the above-referenced Petition. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the filing fee.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Strenkowski at (202) 373-6002.

Respectfully submitted,

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# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Petition of	)
IntelePeer, Inc.	) Docket No
For Approval to Enter into a Financing Arrangement	) ) ) )

#### **PETITION**

IntelePeer, Inc. ("IntelePeer" or "Petitioner"), by undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 65-4-109 of the Tennessee Code and the rules of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority"), hereby respectfully requests approval, to the extent necessary, to participate in a financing arrangement. Specifically, IntelePeer intends to enter into a financing arrangement whereby it will incur a long-term debt obligation consisting of an equipment loan in an aggregate principal amount of up to Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000), which will be secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of the IntelePeer, subject to certain exceptions to be determined.

Petitioner requests that the Authority retain this matter and grant **expedited** approval of the financing arrangement. Expedited treatment is necessary to meet the demands of the limited and time-sensitive market opportunity under which the lenders, underwriters, Petitioner and are all operating. Timely closing of this arrangement will enable the IntelePeer to obtain the loan at very attractive economic terms. Petitioner requests expedited approval of the transaction to timely consummate the proposed transaction and meet important business and financial objectives.

In support of this Petition, IntelePeer states:

#### I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PETITIONER

#### A. IntelePeer, Inc.

IntelePeer, Inc. is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and formed on October 31, 2008, with principal offices located at 2855 Campus Drive, Suite 200, San Mateo, CA, 94403. IntelePeer provides telecommunications services using fully managed, hosted, on-demand peering infrastructure to directly exchange voice traffic over IP or legacy TDM networks between any application and any telephony device. In Tennessee, IntelePeer is authorized to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange and interexchange services pursuant to authority granted by the Authority in Docket No. 09-00201 on September 3, 2010. IntelePeer is also authorized by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to provide international and domestic interstate telecommunications services as a non-dominant carrier.

#### II. DESIGNATED CONTACTS

Inquiries or copies of any correspondence, orders, or other materials pertaining to this Petition should be directed to:

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### III. DESCRIPTION OF FINANCING ARRANGEMENT

IntelePeer and its subsidiaries intend to enter into in new company-wide financing arrangement in an amount of \$12 million. The promissory note is expected to mature on the date that is 40 months after the closing date of the loans. The interest rate for the promissory note is expected to be competitive with market conditions. This financing arrangement is expected to be secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of IntelePeer. IntelePeer intends to use the proceeds from the promissory note to purchase new equipment and facilities to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee and other states where IntelePeer is authorized to provide services.

Petitioner emphasizes that participation in the financing arrangement will not result in a change in IntelePeer's management or in its day-to-day operations in Tennessee; nor will it adversely affect IntelePeer's operations in Tennessee. The financing arrangement will enable IntelePeer to bring services to new markets and allow more consumers to benefit from its competitive services. Accordingly, and to the extent required, Petitioner requests that the Authority approve the participation of IntelePeer in the financial arrangement described herein

#### IV. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

Approval of the proposed financing arrangement described herein will serve the public interest in promoting competition among telecommunications carriers by providing IntelePeer with the opportunity to strengthen its competitive position through access to greater financial resources. Furthermore, by increasing the breadth and scope of telecommunications services made available through an increased ability to expand IntelePeer's operations, greater access to capital will also strengthen IntelePeer's ability to bring competitive telecommunications services to consumers in

Based on market conditions, the term of the financing arrangements may be set to mature on the date that is 364 days after the closing date, provided that upon receipt of the requisite regulatory approvals the maturity date for the financing arrangements will be extended to an expected term of 40 months from the date of closing.

Tennessee. This financing transaction will be transparent to consumers and consumers will benefit

from the continued receipt of quality telecommunications services that are priced competitively.

Given the increasingly complex and competitive nature of the telecommunications and

capital markets and for other business reasons, IntelePeer seeks to complete the proposed financing

arrangement as soon as possible. Accordingly, Petitioners respectfully request that the Authority

process, consider, and approve this request as quickly as possible by so that IntelePeer can

undertake the proposed financing arrangement which will ultimately benefit Tennessee consumers.

V. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons stated above, Petitioner submits that the public interest, convenience and

necessity will be furthered by expeditious Authority approval of its participation in the financing

arrangement and providing a lien as described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **VERIFICATION**

Todd Smith, being duly sworn, deposes and say that I am the <u>Vice President, Corporate</u>

<u>Controller</u>, of <u>IntelePeer, Inc.</u>; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of

IntelePeer, Inc.; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Todd Smith Vice President, Corporate Controller

IntelePeer, Inc.

Sworn and subscribed before me this <u>25</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2011.

Notary Public

My commission expires: May 25, 2011

