

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

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In the Matter of the Application of )

**HCI Telcom Inc., Transferor** )

and )

**IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC, Transferee** )

**WC Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

For Authority pursuant to Section )

Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, )

as amended, to Transfer Control )

**JOINT APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION**

**TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF HCI TELCOM INC.**

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and Sections 63.04 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.04, HCI Telcom Inc. ("HCI" or "Transferor") and IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC ("IdeaTek" or "Transferee") (collectively the "Applicants") hereby seek authority to transfer control of HCI Telcom Inc. HCI provides domestic telecommunications services.

In support of this Application, Applicants provide the following information:

**I. CONTACT FOR APPLICATION**

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## **II. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS**

### **A. Transferor**

The Transferor is:

HCI Telcom Inc.  
266 N. Main Street, Suite 150  
Wichita, KS 67202  
Phone: 316-858-3000

HCI was incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas on August 8, 2008. The following information is provided for any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least 10% of the equity of HCI:

Name:	Christopher L. Owen
Address:	266 N. Main Street, Suite 150 Wichita, KS 67202
Citizenship:	US
Principal Business:	Telecommunications
Percent Ownership:	100%

HCI provides domestic local exchange and exchange access services in the state of Kansas. HCI does not provide any international services.

### **B. Transferee**

The Transferee is:

IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC  
111 Old Mill Lane  
Buhler, KS 67522  
Phone: 620-543-500

IdeaTek was organized under the laws of the state of Kansas on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The following information is provided for any person or entity that directly or indirectly owns at least 10% of the equity of IdeaTek:

Name:	Daniel P. Friesen
Address:	404 Prairie Park Ln Buhler, KS 67522
Citizenship:	US
Principal Business:	Telecommunications
Percent Ownership:	95%

IdeaTek is a holding company and is 100% owner of IdeaTek Telcom, LLC “IdeaTek Telcom.” IdeaTek Telcom is a certificated competitive local exchange carrier and eligible telecommunications carrier which provides local exchange, exchange access, and domestic and international interexchange toll and interconnected VoIP services in the state of Kansas.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION**

Pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement between the Applicants, 100% of the shares of HCI will be purchased by IdeaTek. As of the transaction close, HCI will continue to operate as separate entity, with IdeaTek as parent. The Transaction is expected to close as soon as possible, subject to regulatory approval.

The proposed transfer of control will have no adverse impact on customers. Following the transaction HCI will continue to offer the same local and exchange services that it currently offers to customers, under the same rates, terms and conditions.

### **IV. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT**

The proposed Transaction described above will serve the public interest. The Transaction will have no negative impact on the customers served by HCI, which will continue to benefit

from the competitive telecommunications services offered. The combination of HCI and IdeaTek will strengthen the financial and competitive positions of the combined entity, giving it a greater ability to compete effectively and expand telecommunications services in Kansas, to the benefit of Kansas consumers.

**V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.04**

**(a)(5)** HCI Telecom Inc. and IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC certify that no party to this Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

**(a) (8)** Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules because:

(1) The proposed transaction would result in IdeaTek or its subsidiaries and affiliates having a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than 10 percent; and

(2) IdeaTek or its subsidiaries and affiliates would provide competitive telephone exchange and exchange access services exclusively in areas served by a dominant carrier that is not a party to the transaction; and

(3) Neither of the Applicants or their subsidiaries and affiliates are dominant with respect to any service.

**(a)(9)** There are no other Commission applications related to this transaction.

**(a)(10)** The Applicants are not requesting special consideration because either party or its subsidiaries and affiliates to the transaction are facing imminent business failure.

**(a)(11)** No separately filed waiver requests are being sought in conjunction with this transaction.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Application. Applicants respectfully request that the Commission approve the proposed Transaction as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Consultant to Transferor and Transferee

Dated: December 27, 2018

## VERIFICATION

I, Christopher L. Owen, hereby declare that:

- (1) I am President of HCI Telcom Inc.;
- (2) I am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of HCI Telcom Inc.; and
- (3) The statements in the foregoing Application for Transfer of Control of HCI Telcom Inc. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018



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**Christopher L. Owen, President**  
**HCI Telcom Inc.**

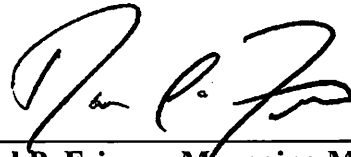
## VERIFICATION

I, Daniel P. Friesen, hereby declare that:

- (1) I am Managing Member of IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC;
- (2) I am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC; and
- (3) The statements in the foregoing Application for Transfer of Control of HCI Telcom Inc. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 27 day of December, 2018



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**Daniel P. Friesen, Managing Member  
IdeaTek Equity Group, LLC**