UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

ERICSSON INC. AND TELEFONAKTIEBOLAGET LM ERICSSON, Petitioner

v.

INTELLECTUAL VENTURES II LLC, Patent Owner

Patent 7,787,431

Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-CARRIER COMMUNICATIONS WITH VARIABLE CHANNEL BANDWIDTH

# PETITION FOR INTER PARTES REVIEW

Pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §§ 311-319, Petitioner Ericsson Inc. and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (collectively, "Ericsson") hereby petitions the Patent Trial and Appeal Board to institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 18-22 of United States Patent No. 7,787,431 ("the '431 patent," ERIC-1001) that issued on August 31, 2010, to Xiaodong Li, et al. According to USPTO records, the '431 patent is currently assigned to Intellectual Ventures II LLC ("IV").

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# I. Mandatory Notices

# A. Real Party-in-Interest

The real party-in-interest is Ericsson.

# **B.** Related Matters

As of the filing date of this petition and to the best knowledge of Ericsson, the

'431 Patent is involved in the following litigations:

- *IVILLC et al. v. AT&T Mobility LLC et al.*, 1-13-cv-01668 (D. Del. 2013).
- IVILLC et al. v. Leap Wireless Int'l et al., 1-13-cv-01669 (D. Del. 2013).
- IVILLC et al. v. Nextel Operations, et al., 1-13-cv-01670 (D. Del. 2013).
- IVILLC et al. v. T-Mobile USA Inc. et al., 1-13-cv-01671 (D. Del. 2013).
- IVILLC et al. v. United States Cellular Corp., 1-13-cv-01672 (D. Del. 2013).

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### II. Grounds for Standing

Ericsson certifies that the '431 patent for which review is sought is available for *inter partes* review and that Ericsson is not barred or estopped from requesting *inter partes* review challenging the patent claims on the grounds identified in the petition.

### **III.** Relief Requested

Ericsson asks that the Board review the accompanying prior art and analysis, institute a trial for *inter partes* review of claims 1, 2, 8-12, and 18-22 of the '431 patent, and cancel those claims as unpatentable.

## IV. The Reasons for the Requested Relief

# A. Summary of the Related Technology and the '431 Patent

The '431 patent relates generally to multi-carrier communication systems, such as systems that employ orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM). *See* ERIC-1001, 1:43-47 and 2:36-38; *See also*, ERIC-1012, ¶ 19. "A basic structure of a multi-carrier signal in the frequency domain is made up of subcarriers and, illustrated in FIG. 3, which shows three types of subcarriers" – data subcarriers, pilot subcarriers, and silent subcarriers. ERIC-1001, 3:23-32. Fig. 3 is reproduced below:

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