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APPLE INC. Petitioner

V.

VOIP-PAL.COM, INC. Patent Owner

Case No. TBD U.S. Patent No. 9,179,005

PETITION FOR *INTER PARTES* REVIEW OF U.S. PATENT NO. 9,179,005



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### I. INTRODUCTION

Petitioner Apple Inc. ("Petitioner") requests an *Inter Partes* Review ("IPR") of claims 1, 24-26, 49-50, 73-79, 83-84, 88-89, 92, 94-96, 98, and 99 (collectively, the "Challenged Claims") of U.S. Patent No. 9,179,005 ("the '005 Patent") issued on November 3, 2015 to Clay Perreault, et al. ("Applicants"). **Exhibit 1001**, '005 Patent. As demonstrated by Petitioner below, the purportedly distinguishing feature of the '005 Patent of using attributes about a caller to determine whether a call is routed to a private or public network was present in the prior art.

## II. SUMMARY OF THE '005 PATENT

## A. Description of the Alleged Invention of the '005 Patent

The '005 Patent generally describes a telephony system in which calls are classified as either public network calls or private network calls and routing messages are generated to route calls accordingly. *See* Ex. 1001 at Abstract. A call routing controller receives a request to establish a call from a calling party, which includes an identifier of the called party. *Id.* at 1:59-61. Call routing controller then compares the called party identifier with attributes of the calling party identifier, and may reformat the called party identifier depending on the result of this comparison. *Id.* at 2:13-31. Based on the comparison of attributes of the calling party and the called party identifier, the call routing controller next

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determines whether the called party is a subscriber to a private network. *Id.* at 2:51-53, 3:4-8. If so, a routing message is generated so that the call can be directed to the private network node serving the called party. *Id.* at 1:64-67. If the called party is not on the private network, the call is classified as a public network call and a routing message is generated so that the call can be directed through a gateway to a public network. *Id.* at 1:67-2:2.

More specifically, the '005 Patent describes a calling party utilizing a Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") telephone who is able to call (1) other VoIP subscribers on a private packet-based network or (2) standard public switched telephone network ("PSTN") customers on the public telephone network. *Id.* at 1:20-2:2. To identify a single destination the calling party is attempting to reach, the '005 Patent teaches that modifications to the dialed digits may be necessary. Fig. 8B illustrates a variety of modifications, which include, as an example, prepending the calling party's country code and area code to the dialed digits when the called party dials a local number. Id. at Fig. 8B. With the formatted number, a direct-inward-dial bank ("DID") table is referenced to determine if the called party is a subscriber to the private packet network. Id. If not, the call is directed to a PSTN gateway and the formatted number is used to connect the call over the public PSTN to the called party. Id.



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