In the Matter of the Application	) Application No. C-4597
of Securus Technologies, Inc.,	)
Dallas, Texas, seeking approval of issuance of debt and other related financing transactions.	) ) GRANTED )
	) \ Entered: May 7, 2013

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 21, 2013, an application was filed by Securus Technologies, Inc., ("STI" or "Applicant"), Dallas, Texas, seeking approval for the issuance of debt and related financing transactions. Notice of the application was published in <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhep-10.10

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon consideration of the application, the evidence submitted, and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

STI is a Delaware corporation with its principle office located in Dallas, Texas. STI is a privately held and whollysubsidiary of Securus Technologies Holdings, ("STHI"). STHI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Securus ("SHI"). Holdings, Inc. SHI is in turn a wholly-owned STI is provides inmate telephone subsidiary of Connect. services to inmates in Nebraska. STI was issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Docket C-1944 on January 5, 1999.

STI seeks approval and authority to participate in certain financing transactions pursuant to  $\underline{\text{Neb. Rev. Stat}}$ . § 75-148, which states in pertinent part,

A common carrier may issue stock, bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, payable at periods of more than twelve months after the date thereof, when necessary for the acquisition of property, the construction, completion, extension or improvement of

facilities, the improvement or maintenance of its service, or the discharge or lawful refunding of its obligations if the common carrier first secures from the Commission an order authorizing such issue and the amount thereof and stating that in the opinion of the Commission the use of the capital to be secured by the issue of such stock, bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness is reasonably required for the purposes of the carrier.

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Based upon the above information, the Commission finds the application to be in the public interest and to be reasonably required for the purposes of Securus Technologies, Inc. Therefore, the application should be granted.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this  $7^{\rm th}$  day of May, 2013.

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