

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re WIRELESS FACILITIES, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION,	) Civil No. 04cv1589 NLS
Plaintiff, v.	<ul> <li>ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION,</li> <li>PRELIMINARILY APPROVING</li> <li>SETTLEMENT, CERTIFYING CLASS</li> <li>FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES</li> </ul>
This Document Relates to:  ALL ACTIONS.	<ul> <li>ONLY, CONDITIONALLY APPROVING</li> <li>FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE</li> <li>AND SETTING DATE FOR FINAL</li> <li>FAIRNESS APPROVAL HEARING</li> </ul>
•	[Doc. No. 180]

Lead Plaintiffs Mitchell Gelnick and NECA-IBEW Pension Fund (NECA) and Defendants Wireless Facilities, Inc., Masood K. Tayebi, Massih Tayebi, Terry Ashwill, Daniel G. Stokely and Eric M. DeMarco filed a joint motion requesting (1) preliminary approval of the proposed settlement, (2) certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; (3) approval of the form and manner of giving notice of the proposed settlement to the Settlement Class; and (4) a date for the final fairness approval hearing (Joint Motion). This Court has reviewed all papers filed in support of the Joint Motion and for the reasons set forth below, **GRANTS** the Joint Motion and **LIFTS** the stay on proceedings.

# RELEVANT FACTS<sup>1</sup>

# **Procedural History.**

Plaintiffs filed a securities class action against Defendants alleging violations of §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. They allege Defendants violated securities laws by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These facts are based on the statement of facts in the Joint Motion and the docket sheet.

making false statements to the investing public about the company's business and financial results.

These false statements allegedly caused the company stock to trade at artificially inflated levels from May 5, 2003 to August 4, 2004 (Settlement Class Period).

The first complaints were filed August 5, 2004. Several actions were consolidated under this lead case. On November 30, 2004, the Court appointed Dr. Bassam Yassine and John Boles as co-lead plaintiffs,<sup>2</sup> and Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP (Coughlin Stoia) and Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler LLP (Schiffrin Barroway) as co-lead counsel (collectively, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel). Plaintiffs then filed a first amended consolidated class action complaint (FAC) on April 5, 2005. Defendants moved to dismiss the FAC. Before the parties completed briefing the motion to dismiss, the *Dura Pharms., Inc. v. Broudo*, 544 U.S. 336 (2005) decision came down, and consequently, Plaintiffs were allowed to file a second amended consolidated class action complaint (SAC) on June 9, 2005. Defendants moved to dismiss the SAC. The court granted that motion on March 9, 2006, finding that Plaintiffs failed to allege a strong inference of scienter. The court granted Plaintiffs leave to amend. Plaintiffs filed a third amended consolidated class action complaint (TAC) on April 24, 2006. [Doc. No. 104.]

Defendants and then-defendant KPMG, LLP moved to dismiss the TAC on June 8, 2006. On May 7, 2007, the Court issued an order denying Defendants' motions to dismiss but granting KPMG's motion to dismiss. [Doc. No. 126.] Plaintiffs dismissed KPMG as a defendant on June 5, 2007. The remaining Defendants answered the TAC, and the parties started formal discovery.

The TAC includes the following allegations. Before and during the Settlement Class Period, Defendants directly participated in a pervasive and intentional accounting fraud that spanned over four fiscal years and materially overstated the company's financial results in violation of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in order to bolster the stock price. TAC ¶ 2. Defendants admitted the company materially overstated its earnings and income in the years 2000-2003 through at least nine different accounting manipulations. See TAC ¶¶ 165-221. On August 4, 2004, when the company reported results for the second quarter 2004, it announced it intended to restate its financial statements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>On November 8, 2007, Yassine and Boles withdrew as lead plaintiffs for personal/health reasons. The Court then appointed Gelnick and NECA as Lead Plaintiffs.

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for 2000-2003 to accrue for certain foreign tax contingencies. TAC ¶ 150. It also stated it intended to consider recording other adjustments related to various financial statement accounts that were previously identified but had not been recorded. *Id.* On August 5, 2004, shares of Wireless common stock fell as much as 33.95% and reached their 52-week low of \$4.61. TAC ¶ 151.

According to Plaintiffs, Defendants' improper accounting practices caused the stock to trade at artificially inflated prices during the Settlement Class Period, when it reached as high as \$18.60 per share. TAC ¶ 281. During the Settlement Class Period, individual defendants Massih Tayebi, Masood Tayebi and Ashwill sold 5,088,495 shares of Wireless common stock, at the artificially inflated prices, for total proceeds of over \$61.1 million. TAC ¶¶ 270-275.

# **Discovery and Settlement Negotiations.**

In investigating the prosecution of this case, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel (1) reviewed Wireless' SEC filings, annual reports and other public statements; (2) consulted with experts; (3) interviewed and communicated with confidential witnesses; and (4) researched the law applicable to the asserted claims and defenses in this case. On January 10, 2008, the parties participated in a mediation with the Honorable Daniel L. Weinstein (Ret.). The parties exchanged mediation briefs and presented their respective views regarding the merits of the action, including the claims, defenses and damages sought. The parties did not reach a settlement during the mediation. One week later, however, Judge Weinstein issued a mediator's proposal to settle the case for \$12 million in cash.

Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel concluded that the substantial expense and time necessary to prosecute the action through trial, appeals and other potential proceedings, the significant uncertainties in predicting the outcome of the litigation, and the substantial likelihood the Settlement Class would not recover more than the recovery in the settlement, led them to conclude that the settlement was fair, reasonable and adequate, and in the best interests of Lead Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class. On June 13, 2008, the parties executed a Memorandum of Understanding that set forth the terms of the settlement agreement. The parties then negotiated the final details of the settlement agreement, and executed the final stipulation regarding settlement on August 8, 2008.

# **DISCUSSION**

# Rule 23 and Class Action Settlement.

Parties may settle a class action before class certification and stipulate that a defined class be conditionally certified for settlement purposes. *See, e.g., Molski v. Gleich*, 318 F.3d 937 (9th Cir. 2003). A conditionally-certified class must still satisfy Rule 23(a) and (b) requirements. *See id.* 

Deciding whether to approve a proposed class action settlement is generally a two-step process. At the preliminary approval stage, the court "should make a preliminary determination that the proposed class satisfies the criteria set out in Rule 23(a) and at least one of the subsections of Rule 23(b)." Fed. Judicial Ctr., Manual for Complex Litigation, § 21.633 (4th ed. 2004). The court then approves the form and manner of notice and sets a final fairness hearing, where it will make a final determination on the fairness of the class settlement. *See id.* 

A court may approve a settlement that would bind class members only after a final fairness hearing and finding that the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(e)(2); see Class Plaintiffs v. Seattle, 955 F.2d 1268, 1276 (9th Cir. 1992). When approving a settlement, a court must ensure that notice is made in a "reasonable manner to all class members who would be bound by the proposal." Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(e)(1).

To make the ultimate determination of whether a settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate requires evaluating several factors, including:

strength of plaintiff's case; the risk, expense[,] complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; the risk of maintaining class action status throughout the trial; the amount offered in settlement; the extent of discovery completed, and the stage of the proceedings; the experience and views of counsel; the presence of a governmental participant; and the reaction of the class members to the proposed settlement.

Torrisi v. Tucson Elec. Power Co., 8 F.3d 1370, 1375 (9th Cir. 1993). Settlements that follow sufficient discovery and genuine arms-length negotiations are presumed fair. Nat'l Rural Telcoms. Coop. v.

Directv, Inc., 2003 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25375, \*13 (C.D. Cal. 2004).

# **Settlement Class Certification.**

A court must look at these factors when considering class certification and preliminary approval:

(1) the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable;

(2) there are questions of law or fact common to the class;

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(3) the claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class; and

(4) the representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(a).

In addition, the plaintiffs must establish one of the following: (1) there is a risk of inconsistent or unfair adjudication if parties proceed with separate actions; (2) the defendant acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class, making injunctive or declaratory relief appropriate to the class as a whole; or (3) common questions of law or fact predominate and class resolution is superior to other available methods for fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(b).

For the purpose of conditionally certifying the class for settlement purposes, the Court evaluates the relevant factors under Rule 23.

# 1. Numerosity.

The parties define the Settlement Class in the Stipulation as follows:

Lead Plaintiffs and all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities during the period from and including May 5, 2003 to August 4, 2004 and who were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, any entity in which the Defendants have a controlling interest or that is a parent or subsidiary of or is controlled by the Defendants, Defendants' officers and directors, including any person who was an officer or director during the Settlement Class Period, affiliates, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and/or assigns.

Stipulation of Settlement, 1.27. The parties assert that millions of shares of Wireless common stock were traded on the NASDAQ National Exchange during the Settlement Class Period. They estimate the number of potential class members to be in the thousands, spread geographically throughout the United States.

With the large potential number of claimants and their varied locations, the Court finds that joinder of all these members would be impracticable, and that the numerosity requirement is satisfied.

# 2. Commonality.

The predominant questions here concern:

- (i) whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendants' alleged acts;
- (ii) whether the Company's publicly disseminated releases and statements during the Settlement Class Period omitted and/or

misrepresented material facts;

- (iii)whether the market prices of Wireless common stock during the Settlement Class Period were artificially inflated due to the material nondisclosures and/or misrepresentations complained of herein; and
- (iv) whether the members of the Settlement Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the appropriate measure of damages.

Joint Motion, pp.13-14. The Court finds the core issue here regards the acquisition of Wireless common stock at artificially inflated prices. The predominant questions listed above all relate to the core issue. These questions appear to be common to the proposed Settlement Class, which includes those damaged by the purchase or acquisition of Wireless common stock during the Class Period. Because these questions are common to the whole class, the Court finds that the commonality requirement is satisfied.

# 3. Typicality.

Lead Plaintiffs claim they purchased and/or acquired Wireless common stock at artificially inflated prices due to Defendants' conduct. As defined in the Stipulation, the parties define the proposed Settlement Class to include those who purchased and/or acquired Wireless common stock at artificially inflated prices due to Defendants' conduct. The proof Lead Plaintiffs would need to establish their claims would also prove the claims of the proposed Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiffs' injury would be common to the injury suffered by the class. There is no indication that Lead Plaintiffs have any unique defenses that could make them atypical members of the proposed Settlement Class. Because the claims of Lead Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the proposed Settlement Class, the Court finds the typicality requirement satisfied.

#### 4. Adequacy.

To determine whether Lead Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the proposed Settlement Class, courts must consider: "(1) Do the representative plaintiffs and their counsel have any conflicts of interest with other class members, and (2) will the representative plaintiffs and their counsel prosecute the action vigorously on behalf of the class?" *Staton v. Boeing Co.*, 327 F.3d 938, 958 (9th Cir. 2003). Here, it does not appear that Lead Plaintiffs and their counsel have any conflicts of interest with other class members because the claims of Lead Plaintiffs are typical of the proposed Settlement Class. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel has incentive to litigate for the best possible recovery for the entire proposed Settlement Class. The Court finds, therefore, that Lead Plaintiffs

adequately and fairly represent the interests of the proposed class and will vigorously prosecute the action on its behalf.

# 5. Rule 23(b).

Plaintiffs must establish one of the subparts listed in Rule 23(b). Here, common questions of law or fact predominate this action. The same set of operative facts and a single proximate cause applies to each proposed class member, because each class member purchased and/or acquired Wireless common stock during the Settlement Class Period at alleged artificially-inflated prices. They allege Defendants' false and misleading statements and/or omissions inflated the prices, and that class members were harmed as a result of Defendants' conduct. If Lead Plaintiffs and class members each brought individual actions, they would each be required to prove the same wrongdoing to establish Defendants' liability. Further, should different courts determine these questions in separate suits, they would likely interpret the facts and law differently, resulting in inconsistent and/or unfair rulings. This Court finds that class resolution of this action is superior to other available methods of adjudication of the controversy because the claims of many individuals will be efficiently resolved at one time, eliminating the possibility of repetitious litigation that would waste the parties' and the Court's resources.

The Court **GRANTS** a conditional certification of the class for the purpose of settlement.

Preliminary Approval of Settlement.

As explained above, the parties have shown that the proposed class satisfies the criteria of Rule 23(a) and at least one of subsection of Rule 23(b). Further, they arrived at this proposed settlement after briefing two rounds of motions to dismiss and a motion for class certification. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel investigated the claims in the SAC and TAC, by way of interviews with multiple former Wireless employees and consulted with liability and damages experts. Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel reviewed thousands of pages of documents that Defendants produced in discovery. Armed with this information, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations over a total of six months. They participated in a formal mediation with retired Judge Daniel L. Weinstein.

Without making any determination of liability, it appears to the Court that plaintiffs have a viable claim regarding the alleged securities fraud and Defendants have a viable defense against such claims.

Liability remains uncertain. In light of this uncertainty, and based on the parties' perceived strengths and

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weaknesses of the case, the parties have agreed to a settlement amount of \$12,000,000 for the estimated potential Settlement Class.

The Court finds that the proposed settlement did not result from collusion by the parties' counsel, but from a thorough investigation and consideration of strengths and weaknesses in the case. Both parties' counsel are experienced in class actions, engaged in arms-length negotiations, weighed the strengths and weaknesses of the case and examined the risks associated with litigation. Both parties' counsel consider the settlement fair and reasonable in light of the case's complexities, the state of the law, uncertainties inherent in litigation and the positive result for the potential class members. At this preliminary approval stage, the Court finds that the proposed settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable.

The Court **GRANTS** preliminary approval of the proposed settlement.

# Proposed Form and Manner of Notice.

Notice must be provided to a class in the best way practicable under the circumstances. Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(c)(2)(B). The notice must clearly and concisely identify:

- (i) the nature of the action;
- (ii) the definition of the class certified;
- (iii) the class claims, issues, or defenses;
- (iv) that a class member may enter an appearance through an attorney if the member so desires;
- (v) that the court will exclude from the class any member who requests exclusion;
- (vi) the time and manner for requesting exclusion; and
- (vii) the binding effect of a class judgment on members under Rule 23(c)(3).

Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 23(c)(2)(B). The notice must also include an explanation of class counsel's interest in the settlement. Staton v. Boeing Co., 327 F.3d 938, 963 (9th Cir. 2003).

Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (PSLRA), every settlement notice must include a statement explaining a plaintiff's recovery:

'The amount of the settlement proposed to be distributed to the parties to the action, determined in the aggregate and on an average per share basis.' 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)(A). The notice must also include a statement of 'the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if the plaintiff prevailed on each claim alleged.' 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)(B).

In re Veritas Software Corp. Sec. Litig., 496 F.3d 962, 969 (9th Cir. 2007).

Here, the proposed form of notice attached as Exhibit A1 to the Stipulation of Settlement summarizes the parties' claims and contentions and explains the proposed settlement and plan of allocation, including the recovery amount to each class member if 100% of the Settlement Class submits a claim. It explains the amount of the Settlement–\$12,000,000–to be distributed to the Settlement Class, less Court-approved fees and expenses; the average distribution per share; attorneys fees (sought at 25% of the Settlement Fund) and expenses (capped at \$425,000) sought; the reimbursement of Class Representatives for their reasonable time and expenses (including lost wages) sought (up to \$2000); the name, telephone number and address of representatives of Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel who will be reasonably available to answer questions from Settlement Class Members regarding the notice; the Settlement Class Members' right to object to the Settlement or seek exclusion from the Settlement Class; and the reasons why the parties propose the Settlement. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel will also use reasonable efforts to give notice to nominee holders such as brokerage firms and other persons or entities who purchased and/or acquired Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period as record owners but not as beneficial owners. This notice is to be mailed to potential class members and a summary notice is to be published in the national edition of Investor's Business Daily.

The Court notes that one element is missing from the proposed notice, a statement of "the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if the plaintiff prevailed on each claim alleged," as required by the PSLRA in 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(7)(B). See Veritas, 496 F.3d 962. The Court ORDERS the parties to include a statement in the notice regarding the average amount of damages per share that would be recoverable if the plaintiff prevailed on each alleged claim, so that the potential claimants can compare the damages per share if the class prevailed at trial to the proposed settlement recovery. See id. at 969. Including such information complies with the notice requirements of the PSLRA and provides potential class members with the information necessary to make an informed decision regarding the proposed settlement.<sup>3</sup> The Court, therefore, CONDITIONALLY APPROVES the proposed notice, subject to this requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>In the final approval papers, the Court also expects to see how counsel calculated the plan of allocation and illustrate the calculation using the number of damaged shares and final settlement amount so that the Court will be able to determine whether the plan of allocation is fair, reasonable and adequate. Counsel should also include supporting information from their damages consultant(s).

#### <u>Order</u>

WHEREAS, a consolidated action is pending before this Court styled *In re Wireless Facilities*, *Inc., Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 04-CV-1589-JAH(NLS) (the "Action");

WHEREAS, the parties having made application, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), for an order approving the Settlement of this Action, in accordance with a Stipulation of Settlement dated as of June 13, 2008 (the "Stipulation"), which, together with the exhibits annexed thereto set forth the terms and conditions for a proposed Settlement of the Action and for dismissal of the Action with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and the Court having read and considered the Stipulation and the exhibits annexed thereto; and

WHEREAS, all defined terms herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Stipulation.

# NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Court does hereby preliminarily approve the Stipulation and the Settlement set forth therein, subject to further consideration at the Final Approval Hearing described below.
- 2. A hearing (the "Final Approval Hearing") shall be held before this Court on *December 3, 2008, at 2:30p.m.*, in Courtroom F of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Edward J. Schwartz U.S. Courthouse, 940 Front Street, San Diego, CA 92101 to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be approved by the Court; whether a Judgment as provided in 1.15 of the Stipulation should be entered; whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved; and to determine any amount of fees and expenses that should be awarded to Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and reimbursement of expenses to Lead Plaintiffs.
- 3. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court certifies solely for purposes of effectuating this Settlement a Settlement Class defined as all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities during the period from and including May 5, 2003 to August 4, 2004 and who were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are Defendants, any entity in which the Defendants have a controlling interest or that is a parent or subsidiary of or is controlled by the Defendants, Defendants' officers and directors, including any person who was an officer or director during the Settlement Class Period, Defendants' affiliates, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors,

successors and/or assigns, and immediate family. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class.

- 4. The Court finds, solely for the purposes of the Settlement, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied in that: (a) the Members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members in the class action is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class that predominate over any individual question; (c) the claims of the Lead Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Lead Plaintiffs and their counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of Settlement Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.
- 5. Certification of the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement shall not constitute certification of the Settlement Class for any other purposes.
- 6. Pursuant to Rule 53(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court appoints the firm of Gilardi & Co. LLC, 3301 Kerner Boulevard, San Rafael, CA 94901 ("Claims Administrator") to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims as more fully set forth below:
- (a) Not later than <u>September 22, 2008</u> (the "Notice Date"), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and the Proof of Claim and Release, substantially in the forms annexed as Exhibits A-1 and A-2 hereto, to be mailed by first class mail to all Settlement Class Members who can be identified with reasonable effort and to be posted on its website at www.gilardi.com;
- (b) Not later than <u>October 2, 2008</u>, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice substantially in the form annexed as Exhibit A-3 hereto, to be published once in the national edition of Investor's Business Daily; and
- (c) Not later than <u>October 7, 2008</u>, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publishing.
- 7. Defendants shall provide the Claims Administrator Wireless's shareholder or other lists, as it or its transfer agent may possess, as appropriate for providing notice to the Settlement Class, within

 three (3) calendar days following the entry of this Order. Defendants shall provide this information at no cost to Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, Lead Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class.

- 8. Nominees who purchased Wireless Securities for the benefit of another Person during the period May 5, 2003 to August 4, 2004, inclusive, shall be requested to send the Notice and the Proof of Claim and Release to all such beneficial owners of Wireless Securities within ten (10) days after receipt thereof, or send a list of the names and addresses of such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice and Proof of Claim and Release to such beneficial owners.
- 9. All fees, costs, and expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Members of the Settlement Class shall be paid from the Settlement Fund and in no event shall Defendants bear any responsibility for such fees, costs, or expenses.
- 10. All Members of the Settlement Class shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in the Action concerning the Settlement, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class.
- submit the Proof of Claim and Release in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Proof of Claim and Release forms must be submitted no later than <u>ninety</u> (90) days from the Notice Date. Any Settlement Class Member who does not timely submit a Proof of Claim and Release within the time provided shall be barred from sharing in the distribution of the proceeds of the Settlement Fund, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, but shall nevertheless be bound by any Final Judgment entered by the Court. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall have the discretion to accept late-submitted claims for processing by the Claims Administrator so long as distribution of the Settlement Fund is not materially delayed thereby.
- 12. Any Member of the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Action, at his, her, or its own expense, individually or through counsel of their own choice. If they do not enter an appearance, they will be represented by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel.
- 13. Any Person falling within the definition of the Settlement Class may, upon request, be excluded or "opt out" from the Settlement Class. Any such Person must submit to the Claims

  Administrator a request for exclusion ("Request for Exclusion"), postmarked no later than

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- November 7, 2008. A Request for Exclusion must be signed and state: (a) the name, address, and telephone number of the Person requesting exclusion; (b) the Person's purchases, acquisitions and sales of Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period, including the dates, the number of shares of Wireless stock purchased and/or otherwise acquired, and price paid or received for each such purchase, acquisition or sale; and (c) that the Person wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class. All Persons who submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion in the manner set forth in this paragraph shall have no rights under the Stipulation, shall not share in the distribution of the Settlement Fund, and shall not be bound by the Stipulation or the Final Judgment.
- 14. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel shall cause to be provided to Defendants' Counsel copies of all Requests for Exclusion, and any written revocation of Requests for Exclusion, as expeditiously as possible and in any event within no more than <u>five (5) days after the postmark deadline</u> for submitting Requests for Exclusion.
- Any Member of the Settlement Class may appear and show cause, if he, she, or it has any 15. reason why the proposed Settlement of the Action should not be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, or why a Judgment should not be entered thereon, why the Plan of Allocation should not be approved, why attorney fees and expenses should not be awarded to counsel for the Lead Plaintiffs; provided, however, that no Settlement Class Member or any other Person shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, or, if approved, the Judgment to be entered thereon approving the same, or the order approving the Plan of Allocation, or any attorney fees and expenses to be awarded to counsel for Lead Plaintiffs, unless written objections and copies of any papers and briefs are received by Keith Park, Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, California 92101, Benjamin J. Sweet, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, 280 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, Pennsylvania 19087, and Tyson E. Marshall, Morrison & Foerster, LLP, 12531 High Bluff Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130, on or before *November 7, 2008*; and said objections, papers and briefs are filed with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, on or before November 7, 2008. Any Member of the Settlement Class who does not make his, her or its objection in the manner provided shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed

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from making any objection to the fairness, reasonableness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement as incorporated in the Stipulation, to the Plan of Allocation, and to the award of attorney fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel or the Lead Plaintiffs, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

- 16. In the event that a Settlement Class Member timely and properly files and serves a written objection, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and/or Defendants' Counsel may file and serve materials responding to any such objection on or before *November 17, 2008*.
- 17. All funds held by the Escrow Agents shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis*, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 18. All papers in support of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and the application by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel for attorney fees or expenses shall be filed and served no later than <u>October 7</u>, 2008.
- 19. Neither Defendants nor their Related Parties shall have any responsibility for the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorney fees or expenses submitted by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, and such matters will be considered separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement.
- 20. At or after the Final Approval Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation proposed by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, and any application for attorney fees or expenses should be approved.
- 21. All reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying Settlement Class Members as well as administering the Settlement Fund shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation. In the event the Court does not approve the Settlement, or it otherwise fails to become effective, neither Lead Plaintiffs nor any of their counsel shall have any obligation to repay any amounts actually and properly incurred or disbursed pursuant to 2.8 or 2.11 of the Stipulation.
- 22. Neither the Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in the Action, or of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind.

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23. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Final Approval Hearing without further notice to the Members of the Settlement Class, and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed to by the Settling Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 9-3-08

NITA L. STORMES

United States Magistrate Judge

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If you purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Facilities, Inc. ("Wireless") securities during the period from May 5, 2003 to and including August 4, 2004 (the "Settlement Class Period") and are not otherwise excluded from the Settlement Class, you could get a payment from a class action settlement.

A federal court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

**Security and Time Period**: Wireless securities purchased or otherwise acquired between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive ("Wireless Securities").

Settlement Fund: \$12,000,000 in cash. Your recovery will depend on the type and amount of Wireless Securities purchased and/or otherwise acquired and the timing of your purchases, acquisitions and any sales. Based on the information currently available to Lead Plaintiffs and the analysis performed by their damage consultants, it is estimated that if Settlement Class Members submit claims for 100% of the shares eligible for distribution under the Plan of Allocation (described below), the estimated average distribution per eligible share will be approximately \$0.35 before deduction of Court-approved fees and expenses. Historically, actual claims rates are less than 100%, which results in a higher distribution per share. A Settlement Class Member's actual recovery will be a proportion of the Net Settlement Fund (as defined below) determined by that claimant's recognized claim as compared to the total recognized claims of all Settlement Class Members who submit acceptable Proof of Claim and Release forms.

Reasons for Settlement: Avoids the costs and risks associated with continued litigation, including danger of no recovery.

If the Case Had Not Settled: Continuing with the case could have resulted in dismissal or loss at trial or on appeal. The two sides vigorously disagree on both liability and the amount of money that could have been won if Lead Plaintiffs prevailed at trial. The parties disagree about: (1) the method for determining whether Wireless Securities were artificially inflated during the relevant period; (2) the amount of any such inflation; (3) whether there was any wrongdoing on the part of Defendants, including whether Defendants acted recklessly or intentionally in reporting Wireless's financial results during the relevant period; (4) the extent that various facts alleged by Lead Plaintiffs influenced the trading price of Wireless Securities during the relevant period; and (5) whether the

1	facts alleged were material, false, m	isleading or otherwise actionable under the federal securities
2	laws.	
3	Attorney Fees and Expenses	s: Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel will ask the Court
4	for attorney fees of 25% of the Settle	ment Fund and expenses not to exceed \$425,000.00 to be paid
5	from the Settlement Fund, plus inter	est. If the above amounts are requested and approved by the
6	Court, the average cost per eligible sl	hare will be \$0.10. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel have not received
7	any payment for their work investig	gating the facts, conducting this Action and negotiating this
8	settlement on behalf of the Lead Plan	intiffs and the Settlement Class.
9	Deadlines:	
10	Submit Claim:	, 2008
11	Request Exclusion:	, 2008
12	File Objection:	, 2008
13	Court Hearing on Fairness	of Settlement:, 2008
14	More Information: www.g	<u>cilardi.com</u> or
15	Claims Administrator:	Representatives of Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel:
16	Wireless Facilities Securities Claims Administrator	
17	c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 8040	Shareholder Relations Coughlin Stoia Geller
18	San Rafael, CA 94912-8040	
19		San Diego, CA 92101
20		Benjamin J. Sweet Schiffrin Barroway Topaz
21		& Kessler, LLP 280 King of Prussia Road
22		Radnor, PA 19087
23	Your legal rights are affected	d whether you act, or don't act. Read this Notice carefully.
24	YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND O	PTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:
25	SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	The only way to get a payment.
26	EXCLUDE YOURSELF	Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to
27		participate in another lawsuit against the Defendants and the
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other Released Parties relating to the legal claims in this case.

You may write to the Court if you don't like this settlement.

You may ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the

settlement.

**DO NOTHING** Get no payment. Give up rights.

- These rights and options and the deadlines to exercise them are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case must decide whether to approve the settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the settlement and, if there are any appeals, after appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

#### **BASIC INFORMATION**

# 1. Why did I get this notice package?

You or someone in your family may have purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive.

The Court directed that you be sent this Notice because you have a right to know about a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the settlement. If the Court approves the proposed settlement and after any objections or appeals (if there are any) are resolved, and after processing of claims is complete, the Claims Administrator appointed by the Court will make the payments that the settlement allows.

This package explains the lawsuit, the settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the case is the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, and the case is known as *In re Wireless Facilities, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 04-CV-1589-JAH(NLS). The pension fund and individual that were appointed by the Court to direct this case are called the Lead Plaintiffs and the company and the individuals that were sued are called Defendants.

#### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

This Action alleges that Wireless and certain individual defendants violated the federal securities laws by making false and misleading statements regarding Wireless's financial results causing Wireless Securities (*i.e.*, all of the publicly traded securities of Wireless) to trade at artificially inflated levels during the Settlement Class Period.

Defendants deny all of Lead Plaintiffs' allegations and that they did anything wrong. Defendants also deny that Lead Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class suffered damages or that the prices of Wireless Securities were artificially inflated by reasons of alleged misrepresentations, non-disclosures or otherwise.

# 3. Why is this a Class Action?

In a class action, one or more people called class representatives (in this case, the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiffs, Mitchell Gelnick and NECA-IBEW Pension Fund) sue on behalf of people and/or entities who have similar claims. All of these people and/or entities are called a class or class members. One court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class. United States Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes is in charge of this case.

# 4. Why is there a settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of Lead Plaintiffs or Defendants. Instead, the lawyers for both sides of the lawsuit have negotiated a settlement, with the assistance of a highly respected mediator, Honorable Daniel Weinstein (Ret.), that they believe is in the best interests of their respective clients. The settlement allows both sides to avoid the risks and cost of lengthy and uncertain litigation and the uncertainty of a trial and appeals, and permits Settlement Class Members to be compensated without further delay. The Lead Plaintiffs and their attorneys think the settlement is best for all Settlement Class Members.

#### WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

To see if you will get money from this settlement, you first have to determine if you are a Settlement Class Member.

# 5. How do I know if I am part of the settlement?

The Settlement Class includes all persons who purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities during the period from May 5, 2003 to and including August 4, 2004, inclusive, and were damaged thereby.

# 6. Are there exceptions to being included in the Settlement Class?

Yes. Excluded from each Settlement Class are Defendants; any entity in which the Defendants have a controlling interest or that is a parent or subsidiary of or is controlled by the Defendants, Defendants' officers and directors, including any person who was an officer or director during the Settlement Class Period, Defendants' affiliates, legal representatives, heirs, predecessors, successors and/or assigns and immediate family. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are those Persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class.

#### 7. I'm still not sure if I am included.

If you still are not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can call 1-800-945-9431 or visit <a href="www.gilardi.com">www.gilardi.com</a> for more information; or, you can call Rick Nelson at 1-800-449-4900 for more information or Benjamin J. Sweet at 610-667-7706; or you can fill out and return the claim form described in Question 10 to see if you qualify.

# THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS - WHAT YOU GET

# 8. What does the settlement provide?

Defendants have agreed to pay \$12,000,000 in cash (the "Settlement Fund") to be divided among all eligible Settlement Class Members who send in valid claim forms ("Authorized Claimants"), after payment of Court-approved attorney fees and expenses, and the costs of claims administration, including the costs of printing and mailing this Notice and the cost of publishing newspaper notice (the "Net Settlement Fund").

# 9. How much will my payment be?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on the number of valid claim forms that Settlement Class Members send in and how many shares of stock or options you purchased or otherwise acquired during the relevant period and when you bought and sold them.

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In the unlikely event there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant's claim, as defined below. If, however, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total claim of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant's claim bears to the total of the claims of all Authorized Claimants. Payment in this manner shall be deemed conclusive against all Authorized Claimants.

A claim will be calculated as follows:

#### **COMMON STOCK**

- 1. For shares of Wireless common stock purchased from May 5, 2003 through August 4, 2004, and
  - (a) sold prior to August 5, 2004, the claim per share is \$0;
- (b) retained at the end of August 4, 2004, the claim per share is the lesser of: (i) the purchase price less \$6.60 (90-day average closing price following the Settlement Class Period); or (ii) the alleged inflation amount of \$2.00.

#### CALL OPTIONS

- 1. For Call Options on Wireless common stock purchased between May 5, 2003 through August 4, 2004, and,
- (a) owned at the end of August 4, 2004, the claim per Call Option is the difference between the price paid for the Call Option less the proceeds received upon the settlement of the Call Option contract;
  - (b) not owned at the end of August 4, 2004, the claim per Call Option is \$0.
- 2. For Call Options on Wireless common stock written between May 5, 2003 through August 4, 2004, the claim per call option is \$0.

#### **PUT OPTIONS**

1. For Put Options on Wireless common stock written between May 5, 2003 through August 4, 2004, and

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- (a) owned at the end of August 4, 2004, the claim per Put Option is the difference between the amount paid upon settlement of the Put Option contract less the initial proceeds received upon the sale of the Put Option contract;
  - (b) not owned at the end of August 4, 2004, the claim per Put Option is \$0.
- 2. For Put Options on Wireless common stock purchased between May 5, 2003 through August 4, 2004, the claim per Put Option is \$0.

Note: In the case the option was exercised for Wireless common stock, the amount paid, or proceeds received, upon the settlement of the option contract equals the intrinsic value of the option using Wireless common stock's closing price on the date the option was exercised. For the purposes of this allocation, the aggregate amount to be allocated to option holders shall not exceed 3% of the Net Settlement Fund

The date of purchase or sale is the "contract" or "trade" date as distinguished from the "settlement" date.

For Settlement Class Members who held Wireless Securities at the beginning of the Settlement Class Period or made multiple purchases or other acquisitions or sales during the Settlement Class Period, the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method will be applied to such holdings, purchases and sales for purposes of calculating a claim. Under the FIFO method, sales of Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period will be matched against the same type of security, in chronological order, first against securities held at the beginning of the Settlement Class Period. The remaining sales of securities during the Settlement Class Period will then be matched, in chronological order, against securities purchased during the Settlement Class Period.

An Authorized Claimant will be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund only if a Settlement Class Member had a net loss, after all profits from transactions in Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period are subtracted from all losses. However, the proceeds from sales of securities which have been matched against securities held at the beginning of the Settlement Class Period will not be used in the calculation of such net loss. No distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow or adjust the claim of any Settlement Class Member on equitable grounds.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation set forth above shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel or any claims administrator or other Person designated by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel or Defendants and/or the Related Parties and/or their counsel based on distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court. All Settlement Class Members who fail to complete and file a valid and timely Proof of Claim and Release form shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund (unless otherwise ordered by the Court), but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of the Stipulation, including the terms of any judgment entered and the releases given.

# **HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT – SUBMITTING A CLAIM FORM**

# 10. How will I get a payment?

To qualify for a payment, you must send in a claim form. A claim form is enclosed with this Notice. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the form, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and mail it in the enclosed envelope postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

# 11. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008, at \_\_\_\_\_m., to decide whether to approve the settlement. If Judge Stormes approves the settlement, there may be appeals. It is always uncertain whether these appeals can be resolved favorably, and resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. It also takes time for all the claim forms to be processed. If there are no appeals and depending on the number of claims submitted, the Claims Administrator could distribute the settlement funds as early as nine months after the fairness hearing. Please be patient.

# 12. What am I giving up to get a payment or stay in the Settlement Class?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Settlement Class, and that means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants about the same issues in this case or that could have been asserted in this case. It also means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you and you will release your Released Claims in this case

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against the Defendants. Released Claims shall collectively mean all claims or causes of action (including Unknown Claims), demands, rights, liabilities, suits, debts, obligations and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or absolute, mature or unmature, discoverable or undiscoverable, whether concealed or hidden, asserted or that might have been asserted against the Defendants and Released Parties based upon, arising out of, or related to both: (i) any of the facts, transactions, events, occurrences, disclosures, statements, acts, omissions or failures to act which were or could have or might have been alleged in or embraced or otherwise referred to or encompassed by the Action, and (ii) which arise out of the purchase or other acquisition of Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period, regardless of upon what legal theory based, whether legal or equitable, including, without limitation, claims for negligence, gross negligence, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of the duty of care or loyalty or violations of the common law, administrative rule or regulation, tort, contract, equity, or otherwise or of any state or federal statutes, rules or regulations. Released Claims does not include any of the claims asserted in In re Wireless Facilities Securities Litigation II, Master File No. 07-CV-0482 BTM (NLS) (S.D. Cal.) ("Wireless 2007"); In re Wireless Facilities, Inc. Deriv. Litig., GIC 834253 (San Diego Super. Ct.); In re Wireless Facilities, Inc. Deriv. Litig., Case No. 04CV1663-JAH (NLS) (S.D. Cal.); Hameed v. Tayebi, et al., Case No. 07CV0680 BTM (RBB) (S.D. Cal.). Also excluded from the Released Claims are any and all claims that have been asserted or could be asserted against the Defendants under the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any other laws, for any conduct complained of in In re Wireless Facilities, Inc. Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation, 01 Civ. 4779 (SAS)(MBM), as coordinated for pretrial purposes in Inre Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation, Master File No. 21-mc-00092-SAS, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

# EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

If you don't want a payment from this settlement, but you want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue the Defendants on your own about the same issues in this case, then you must take steps to get out of the Settlement Class. This is called excluding yourself or is sometimes referred to as opting out of the Settlement Class.

# 13. How do I get out of the Class?

To exclude yourself from the Class, you must send a letter by mail stating that you want to be excluded from *In re Wireless Facilities, Inc., Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 04-CV-1589-JAH(NLS). You must include your name, address, telephone number, your signature, and the number and type of Wireless Securities you purchased and/or otherwise acquired between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive, the number and type of Wireless Securities sold during this time period, if any, and the dates and prices of such purchases, acquisitions and sales. You must mail your exclusion request postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008 to:

Wireless Facilities Securities Litigation EXCLUSIONS Claims Administrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 8040 San Rafael, CA 94912-8040

You cannot exclude yourself on the phone or by e-mail. If you ask to be excluded, you are not eligible to get any settlement payment, and you cannot object to the settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit.

# 14. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue Defendants for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue Defendants for the claims that this settlement resolves. Remember, the exclusion deadline is \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

# 15. If I exclude myself, can I get money from this settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, do not send in a claim form to ask for any money. Once you exclude yourself, you will receive no cash payment even if you also submit a claim form, unless you withdraw your notice of exclusion before the deadline.

#### THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

# 16. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court appointed the law firms of Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP and Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP to represent you and other Settlement Class Members. These lawyers are called Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers' work. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

# 17. How will the lawyers be paid?

At the settlement hearing, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel will request the Court to award attorney fees of 25% of the Settlement Fund and for expenses of up to \$425,000.00 which were advanced in connection with the Action, plus interest earned on such amounts at the same rate as earned on the Settlement Fund. If awarded the cost would be \$0.10 per eligible share. In addition, one of the Lead Plaintiffs in the Action may seek up to \$2,000.00 for his expenses incurred (including lost wages) in prosecuting the Action. This reimbursement will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. To date, Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel have not received any payment for their services in conducting this Action on behalf of the Lead Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel or the Lead Plaintiffs been reimbursed for their expenses. The fee requested will compensate Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel for their work in achieving the Settlement Fund and is well within the range of fees awarded to class counsel under similar circumstances in other cases of this type. The Court may award less than this amount.

#### **OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

You can tell the Court that you don't agree with the settlement or some part of it.

#### 18. How do I tell the Court that I don't like the settlement?

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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1	880 Front St., Suite 4290 San Diego, CA 92101
2	COUGHLIN STOIA GELLER RUDMAN & ROBBINS LLP
3 4	KEITH F. PARK 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101
5	SCHIFFRIN BARROWAY TOPAZ & KESSLER, LLP
6	BENJAMIN J. SWEET 280 King of Prussia Road Radnor, PA 19087
7	Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel
8	MORRISON & FOERSTER, LLP
9	TYSON E. MARSHALL 12531 High Bluff Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92130
11	Defendants' Counsel
12	19. What is the difference between objecting to the settlement and excluding myself
13	from the settlement?
14	Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the proposed settlement.
15	You can object <i>only</i> if you stay in the Settlement Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that
16	you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to
17	object because the case no longer applies to you.
18	THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING
19	The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed settlement. You
20	may attend, but you don't have to.
21	20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the settlement?
22	The Court will hold a settlement hearing atm., on, 2008, at the United States
23	District Court for the Southern District of California, located at 940 Front St., San Diego, CA 92101
24	At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate.
25	there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will listen to people who have asked to
26	speak at the hearing. The Court will also decide whether to approve the payment of fees, costs and
27	expenses to Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, including the award to one of the Lead Plaintiffs to
28	compensate him for his time and effort in this case. We do not know how long the hearing will take

or whether the Judge will make her decision about the settlement on the day of the hearing or sometime later.

# 21. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel will answer questions Judge Stormes may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you don't have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

# 22. May I speak at the hearing?

# IF YOU DO NOTHING

# 23. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you'll get no money from this settlement. But, unless you exclude yourself, you won't be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants about the same issues in this case.

#### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

#### 24. Are there more details about the settlement?

This Notice summarizes the proposed settlement. More details are in the Stipulation of Settlement dated as of June 13, 2008 which has also been filed with the Court. You can get a copy of the Stipulation of Settlement from the Clerk's office at the United States District Court for the

Southern District of California, 880 Front St., Suite 4290, San Diego, California 92101, during regular business hours or at www.gilardi.com.

#### 25. How do I get more information?

You can call 1-800-449-4900 or write to representatives of Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel, Rick Nelson, Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101 or Benjamin J. Sweet, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, 280 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087, or visit the Claims Administrator's website at www.gilardi.com. Please do not call the Court or the Clerk of the Court for additional information about the settlement.

#### 26. Special notice to nominees

If you hold any Wireless Securities purchased between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive, as a nominee for a beneficial owner, then, within ten (10) days after you receive this Notice, you must either: (1) send a copy of this Notice and Proof of Claim and Release by first class mail to all such Persons; or (2) provide a list of the names and addresses of such Persons to the Claims Administrator:

Wireless Facilities Securities Litigation Claims Administrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 8040 San Rafael, CA 94912-8040

If you choose to mail the Notice and Proof of Claim and Release yourself, you may obtain from the Claims Administrator (without cost to you) as many additional copies of these documents as you will need to complete the mailing.

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1	Regardless of whether you choose to complete the mailing yourself or el	ect to have the
2	2 mailing performed for you, you may obtain reimbursement for or advancement	of reasonable
3	administrative costs actually incurred in connection with forwarding the Notice and	Proof of Claim
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#### I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. To recover as a member of the Settlement Class based on your claims in the action entitled *In re Wireless Facilities, Inc., Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 04-CV-1589-JAH(NLS) (the "Action"), you must complete and, on page \_\_\_\_ hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form. If you fail to file a properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim and Release form, your claim may be rejected and you may be precluded from any recovery from the Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed settlement of the Action.
- 2. Submission of this Proof of Claim and Release form, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the settlement of the Action.
- 3. YOU MUST MAIL YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2008 ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Wireless Facilities Securities Litigation Claims Administrator c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC P.O. Box 8040 San Rafael, CA 94912-8040

- 4. If you are NOT a Member of the Settlement Class (as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice")) DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim and Release form.
- 5. If you are a Member of the Settlement Class and you did not timely request exclusion in connection with the proposed settlement, you are bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Action, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM.

#### II. DEFINITIONS

1. "Defendants" means Wireless Facilities, Inc., Masood K. Tayebi, Massih Tayebi, Terry M. Ashwill, Daniel Stokely and Eric DeMarco.

- 2. "Wireless" means Wireless Facilities, Inc. (now known as Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc.) and any of its predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions or affiliates.
- 3. "Individual Defendants" means Masood K. Tayebi, Massih Tayebi, Terry M. Ashwill, Daniel Stokely and Eric DeMarco.
  - 4. "Wireless Securities" means the publicly traded securities of Wireless.

#### III. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

If you purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities and held the certificate(s) in your name, you are the beneficial purchaser as well as the record purchaser. If, however, you purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities and the certificate(s) were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial purchaser or acquirer and the third party is the record purchaser or acquirer.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser or acquirer of record ("nominee"), if different from the beneficial purchaser or acquirer of Wireless Securities which forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER OR ACQUIRER OR PURCHASERS OR ACQUIRERS, OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER OR ACQUIRER OR PURCHASERS OR ACQUIRERS, OF THE WIRELESS SECURITIES UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint purchasers or acquirers must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators and trustees must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them and their authority must accompany this claim and their titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

#### IV. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in Wireless Securities" to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in Wireless Securities. If you need more space or

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additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to *all* of your purchases and acquisitions and *all* of your sales of Wireless Securities which took place at any time between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive (the "Settlement Class Period"), whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to *all* of the Wireless Securities you held at the beginning of trading on May 5, 2003, and at the close of trading on August 4, 2004. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction in the Settlement Class Period separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day and year of each transaction you list.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of Wireless Securities. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of Wireless Securities.

Copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions in Wireless Securities should be attached to your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

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1	UNITE	ED STATES DIS	STRICT COURT		
2	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
3	In re Wireless Corporation Securities Litigation				
4	Master	File No. 04-CV	-1589-JAH(NLS)		
5	PROC	F OF CLAIM A	AND RELEASE		
6	Must	Be Postmarked	No Later Than:		
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8		Please Type	or Print		
9	PART I: CLAIMANT IDENT	ΓΙΓΙCATION			
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11	Beneficial Owner's Name (First, M	iddle, Last)			
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13	Street Address				
14	City	<u> </u>	tate or Province		
15	City	5			
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18	Social Security Number or			Individual Corporation/Other	
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20	Area Code Telephone	Number (work)	)		
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24	Record Owner's Name (if different	from beneficial	owner listed above	2)	
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1	PART II:	SCHEDULE C	OF TRANSACTIONS IN	WIRELESS SECURIT	TES	
2	A. Number and type of shares of Wireless Securities held at the beginning of trading on May 5, 2003:					
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4	В.	Purchases/Acq Securities:	uisitions (May 5, 2003	- August 4, 2004, incl	usive) of Wireless	
5		Trade Date	Number of Shares	Type of Security	Total Purchase/	
6		Month Day Year	Purchased/Acquired	Purchased/Acquired	Acquisition Price	
7		•	1	1	1	
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11	IM sale	PORTANT: Identife":	fy by number listed above	all purchases in which y	ou covered a "short	
12	C.		2003 - August 4, 2004, it	nclusive) of Wireless Se	curities:	
13		Trade Date	Number of Shares	Type of Security	Total Sales Price	
14		Month Day Year		Sold		
15	1	l	1	1	1	
16		2	2	2	2	
17		3	3	3	3	
18	D.		ype of shares of Wireles	s Securities held at the	close of trading on	
19		August 4, 200				
20	Ify	ou require addition	al space, attach extra scho	edules in the same forma	t as above. Sign and	
21	print your name on each additional page.					
	YC	OU MUST READ	THE RELEASE AND Y	OUR SIGNATURE O	N PAGE WILL	
22	CONSTIT	TUTE YOUR ACI	KNOWLEDGMENT O	F THE RELEASE.		
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know of no other person having done so on my behalf.

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RELEASE VI.

I (We) hereby acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and do hereby fully, 1. finally and forever settle, release and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the "Released Parties," defined as each and all of the Defendants, their past or present directors, officers employees, partners, insurers, co-insurers, reinsurers, principals, agents, controlling shareholders, attorneys, accountants or auditors, advisors, investment advisors, personal or legal representatives, predecessors, successors, parents, subsidiaries, divisions, joint ventures, assigns, spouses, heirs, related or affiliated entities, members of the individual Defendants' immediate families and any trust of which any Defendant is the settler or which is for the benefit of any individual Defendant and/or members of his/her immediate family, and any entity in which a Defendant and/or any member of Defendant's immediate family has or have a controlling interest (directly or indirectly).

I (We) submit this Proof of Claim and Release form under the terms of the Stipulation of

Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States

District Court for the Southern District of California, with respect to my (our) claim as a Settlement

Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further

acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be

entered in the Action. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to

support this claim if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the

same purchases, acquisitions or sales of Wireless Securities during the Settlement Class Period and

"Released Claims" shall collectively mean all claims or causes of action (including 2. Unknown Claims), demands, rights, liabilities, suits, debts, obligations and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, known or unknown, contingent or absolute, mature or unmature, discoverable or undiscoverable, whether concealed or hidden, asserted or that might have been asserted against the Defendants and Released Parties based upon, arising out of, or related to both: (i) any of the facts, transactions, events, occurrences, disclosures, statements, acts, omissions or

States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

- 3. This release shall be of no force or effect unless and until the Court approves the Stipulation of Settlement and the Stipulation becomes effective on the Effective Date (as defined in the Stipulation).
- 4. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.
- 5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included information about all of my (our) transactions in Wireless Securities which occurred during the Settlement Class Period as well as the number of shares of Wireless Securities held by me (us) at the beginning of trading on May 5, 2003 and at the close of trading on August 4, 2004.

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1	6. I (We) certify that I am (we are) not subject to backup withholding under the
2	provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3	Note: If you have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that you are subject to
4	backup withholding, please strike out the language that you are not subject to backup withholding in
5	the certification above.
6	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
7	foregoing information supplied by the undersigned is true and correct.
8	Executed this day of (Month/Year)
9	in
10	(City) (State/Country)
11	(Sign your name here)
12	(Bigh your hame here)
13	(Type or print your name here)
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15	(Capacity of person(s) signing, e.g., Beneficial Purchaser,
16	Executor or Administrator)
17	ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A
18	SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
19	Reminder Checklist:
20	1. Please sign the above release and declaration.
21	2. Remember to attach supporting documentation, if available.
22	3. Do not send original stock certificates.
23	4. Keep a copy of your claim form for your records.
24	5. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form, please send in Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	6. If you move, please send us your new address.
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	SOUTHERN DISTE	RICT OF CALIFORNIA
15 16	In re WIRELESS FACILITIES, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION	) Master File No. 04-CV-1589-JAH(NLS)
-		<u> Ó CLASS ACTION</u>
17 18	This Document Relates To:	) SUMMARY NOTICE
19	ALL ACTIONS.	EXHIBIT A-3
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1 2	TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED WIRELESS FACILITIES, INC. ("WIRELESS") SECURITIES DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 5, 2003 TO AND INCLUDING AUGUST 4, 2004, INCLUSIVE (THE "SETTLEMENT CLASS").
3	YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to an Order of the United States District
4	Court for the Southern District of California, a hearing will be held on, at
5	:m., before the Honorable Nita L. Stormes, at the United States District Court for the
6	Southern District of California, 940 Front St., San Diego, CA 92101, for the purpose of determining:
7	(1) whether the proposed settlement of the Action for the sum of \$12,000,000 in cash should be
8	approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate; (2) whether, thereafter, this Action should be
9	dismissed with prejudice against the Defendants as set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated as
10	of June 13, 2008; (3) whether the Plan of Allocation of settlement proceeds is fair, reasonable and
11	adequate and therefore should be approved; (4) whether to approve Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel's
12	application for an award of attorney fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Action,
13	together with interest earned thereon; and (5) whether to approve an application by one of the Lead
14	Plaintiffs for reimbursement of his reasonable costs and expenses.
15	If you purchased or otherwise acquired Wireless Securities (i.e. any publicly traded security
16	of Wireless) between May 5, 2003 and August 4, 2004, inclusive, your rights may be affected by this
17	Action and the settlement thereof. If you have not received a detailed Notice of Pendency and
18	Proposed Settlement of Class Action and a copy of the Proof of Claim and Release form, you may
19	obtain copies by writing to Wireless Facilities Securities Litigation, Claims Administrator, c/o
20	Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 8040, San Rafael, CA 94912-8040 or by downloading this information
21	at www.gilardi.com. If you are a Settlement Class Member, in order to share in the distribution of
22	the Settlement Fund, you must submit a Proof of Claim and Release form postmarked no later than
23	, 2008, establishing that you are entitled to a recovery. You will be bound by any
24	judgment rendered in the Action unless you request to be excluded, in writing, to the above address,
25	postmarked by, 2008.
26	Any objection to the settlement must be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than
27	, 2008, and <i>received</i> by the following no later than, 2008:
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7	Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel	
8	MORRISON & FOERSTER, LLP	
9	TYSON E. MARSHALL 12531 High Bluff Drive, Suite 100	
10	San Diego, CA 92130	
11	Defendants' Counsel	
12	PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE	
13	REGARDING THIS NOTICE.	
14	DATED:, 2008 BY ORDER OF THE COURT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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