

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Transfer of Ownership  
of Elkhart Telephone Company to IdeaTek  
Telcom, LLC.

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Docket No. 26- ELKT 109-ACQ

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HARVEY TAYLOR ON BEHALF OF  
EPIC TOUCH CO. AND ELKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY**

1   **Q:    Please state your name, your position and your business address.**

2   A:    Harvey Taylor. I am the interim Chief Operations Officer for Epic Touch Co., and my  
3       business address is P.O. Box 1260 Elkhart, KS 67950.

4   **Q:    On whose behalf is your testimony offered?**

5   A:    My testimony is offered on behalf of Epic Touch Co. (“Epic Touch”) and Elkhart Telephone  
6       Company (“Elkhart Telephone”) in support of their Joint Application with IdeaTek Telcom,  
7       LLC (“IdeaTek”) for IdeaTek’s purchase of Epic Touch’s stock and subsequent acquisition  
8       of Elkhart Telephone.

9   **Q:    Please describe the corporate structure of Epic Touch and Elkhart Telephone.**

10 A:    Epic Touch is a Kansas for-profit corporation. All the shares in Epic Touch are owned by a  
11       combination of four trusts: Dian Boaldin Irrevocable Epic Trust (49.55%), Bob Boaldin  
12       Irrevocable Epic Trust (49.55%), Dian Boaldin Revocable Trust (0.4005%), and Bob  
13       Boaldin Family Trust created under the Bob Boaldin Revocable Trust (0.4995%). Epic  
14       Touch has subsidiaries which it wholly owns, Elkhart Telephone and Epic Touch LLC.  
15       Elkhart Telephone is a Kansas for-profit corporation and Epic Touch LLC is a Kansas  
16       limited liability company.

1   **Q:   Who is Elkhart Telephone Company?**

2   A:   Elkhart Telephone Company is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier that provides  
3       telecommunications and broadband services in Elkhart, Kansas. The Kansas Corporation  
4       Commission (“Commission” or “KCC”) has granted Elkhart Telephone certificates of  
5       convenience and authority to transact the business of a telephone public utility (Docket No.  
6       93-ELKT-386-COC) and to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services  
7       (Docket No. 00-ELKC-719-COC).

8   **Q:   Are you aware of a Joint Application filed in this docket?**

9   A:   Yes, I am familiar with the underlying transaction and the Application and have reviewed  
10       the Application’s contents.

11   **Q:   What is your understanding of the nature of the transaction for which Commission**  
12       **approval is sought?**

13   A:   Epic Touch and IdeaTek have entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement by which IdeaTek  
14       would acquire all shares of Epic Touch and thus ownership of Epic Touch’s two  
15       subsidiaries. I understand that Commission approval is sought because one of those  
16       subsidiaries, Elkhart Telephone, provides telecommunications services in various Kansas  
17       communities, and IdeaTek requests permission from the Commission to continue to  
18       provide these services.

19   **Q:   Are any additional steps required for this transaction?**

20   A:   The Stock Purchase Agreement requires approval by the Federal Communications  
21       Commission (“FCC”). Otherwise, no additional steps are necessary.

1   **Q:    Is it your testimony that the proposed transaction is reasonable?**

2    A:    Yes, I believe the proposed transaction is reasonable. The transaction will ensure that  
3           Elkhart Telephone will continue providing service to Kansas customers, as it has for almost  
4           70 years. It is my understanding that there will be no adverse impact on Kansas consumers  
5           as a result of this transaction. The transaction also maintains the Commission's jurisdiction  
6           over Elkhart Telephone's Kansas operations - which are the majority of its operations.

7   **Q:    Does this conclude your testimony?**

8    A:    Yes, it does, but I wish to reserve the right to amend my testimony should new information  
9           come to light. Thank you.

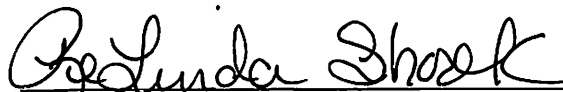
**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS            )  
COUNTY OF Morton        ) ss

The undersigned, Harvey Taylor, upon oath first duly sworn, states that he is Interim Chief Operations Officer of Epic Touch Co., that he has reviewed the foregoing direct testimony, that he is familiar with the contents thereof, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

  
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Harvey Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of September, 2025.

  
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Notary Public

My appointment expires: 04/07/2029

