UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

SMART PATH CONNECTIONS, LLC	
Plaintiff,	
v.	
ADTRAN, INC.	
Defendant.	

Case No. 6:21-cv-00326

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Smart Path Connections, LLC ("Smart Path" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, for its Complaint for patent infringement against Adtran, Inc. ("Adtran" or "Defendant"), and demanding trial by jury, hereby alleges, on information and belief with regard to the actions of Defendant and on knowledge with regard to its own actions, as follows:

I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, *et seq.*, to enjoin and obtain damages resulting from Defendant's unauthorized use, sale, and offer to sell in the United States, of products, methods, processes, services and/or systems that infringe Plaintiff's United States patents, as described herein.

2. Defendant manufactures, provides, uses, sells, offers for sale, imports, and/or distributes infringing products and services, and encourages others to use its products and services in an infringing manner, as set forth herein.

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3. Plaintiff seeks past and future damages and prejudgment and postjudgment interest for Defendant's infringement of the Asserted Patents, as defined below.

II. PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Smart Path is a limited liability company organized and existing under the law of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business located at 601 Quail Valley Drive, Georgetown, TX 78626.

5. Smart Path is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest of the Asserted Patents, as defined below.

6. Adtran, Inc. ("Adtran") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 901 Explorer Boulevard, Huntsville, Alabama 35806. Adtran may be served through its registered agent CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201. On information and belief, Adtran is registered to do business in the State of Texas and has been since at least November 26, 1987.

III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. This is an action for patent infringement which arises under the patent laws of the United States, in particular, 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, 283, 284, and 285.

8. This Court has exclusive jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

9. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Adtran in this action because Adtran has committed acts within the Western District of Texas giving rise to this action and has established minimum contacts with this forum such that the exercise

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of jurisdiction over Adtran would not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice. Defendant Adtran, directly and/or through subsidiaries or intermediaries (including distributors, retailers, and others), has committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in this District by, among other things, offering to sell and selling products and/or services that infringe the Asserted Patents. Moreover, Adtran is registered to do business in the State of Texas, has offices and facilities in the State of Texas, and actively directs its activities to customers located in the State of Texas.

10. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)–(d) and 1400(b). Defendant Adtran is registered to do business in the State of Texas, has offices in the State of Texas, and upon information and belief, has transacted business in the Western District of Texas and has committed acts of direct and indirect infringement in the Western District of Texas. ADTRAN maintains a regular and established place of business in the Western District of Texas. ADTRAN maintains a regular and established place of business in the Western District of Texas, including through a third-party agent Palco Telecom Service, Inc. in El Paso, Texas, through ADTRAN's representatives and/or technicians that can be onsite anywhere within the Western District of Texas within four hours for its service plan customers, through its employee's residence in the Western District of Texas based on the fact that ADTRAN holds the residence out as its own, and through the ongoing representations ADTRAN has made about its presence in the Western District of Texas.

IV. COUNTS OF PATENT INFRINGEMENT

11. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the following United States patents (collectively, the "Asserted Patents"):

United States Patent No. 7,386,010 (the "010 Patent") (Exhibit A) United States Patent No. 7,463,580 (the "580 Patent") (Exhibit B) United States Patent No. 7,551,599 (the "599 Patent") (Exhibit C) United States Patent No. 7,697,525 (the "525 Patent") (Exhibit D)

COUNT ONE INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,386,010

12. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

13. The '010 Patent, entitled "Multiprotocol media conversion," was filed on June13, 2003 and issued on June 10, 2008.

14. Plaintiff is the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interest to the '010 Patent, including the right to recover for past infringements, and has the legal right to enforce the patent, sue for infringement, and seek equitable relief and damages.

Technical Description

15. The '010 Patent addresses problems in the prior art of "providing different types of Layer 2 network service over a common packet network infrastructure." 1:12-14.

16. The '010 discloses a solution to this problem in which "interworking of Layer 2 services enables endpoints using disparate protocols to communicate with one another over the same VPN." 1:62-64.

Direct Infringement

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17. Defendant, without authorization or license from Plaintiff, has been and is directly infringing the '010 Patent, either literally or equivalently, as infringement is defined by 35 U.S.C. § 271, including through making, using (including for testing purposes), importing, selling and offering for sale telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '010 Patent. Defendant develops, designs, manufactures, and distributes telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '010 Patent. Defendant further provides services that practice methods that infringe one or more claims of the '010 Patent. Defendant is thus liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271. Exemplary infringing instrumentalities include Adtran Total Access 5000, and all other substantially similar products (collectively the "010 Accused Products").

18. Smart Path names this exemplary infringing instrumentality to serve as notice of Defendant's infringing acts, but Smart Path reserves the right to name additional infringing products, known to or learned by Smart Path or revealed during discovery, and include them in the definition of '010 Accused Products.

19. Defendant is liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 for the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, importation, or distribution of Defendant's Total Access 5000.

20. Defendant's Total Access 5000 is a non-limiting example of an apparatus that meets all limitations of claim 1 of the '010 Patent, either literally or equivalently.

21. The Total Access 5000 is an apparatus for data communications.

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22. The Total Access 5000 comprises a hub, comprising a plurality of ports, which are configured to receive and transmit data frames in accordance with a packetoriented Layer 2 communication protocol.



23. The Total Access 5000 comprises a plurality of edge devices, each such edge device comprising: at least one network port for communicating with the ports of the

hub via a network in accordance with the packet-oriented Layer 2 communication protocol.

Benefits

- Native Ethernet core
- ATM and Ethernet network interfaces
- Copper and fibre transport and access
- Fully redundant, carrier-class design
- Digital and metallic test access
- Multiple network management capabilities with full FCAPS support
- ERPS and RPR Ethernet Ring support
- Supported by ADTRAN AOE Service Management

Interfaces

- Transport: Ethernet ATM
- Physical: SFP, 72-Pin High Density FCI
- Connector for most modules

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24. The Total Access 5000 comprises one or more native interfaces, for communicating with client nodes in accordance with respective native Layer 2 protocols, at least one of which is different from the packet-oriented Layer 2 communication protocol.



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25. The Total Access 5000 comprises a protocol converter, which is configured to convert the data frames received on the one or more native interfaces from at least a first format specified by the native Layer 2 protocols to a second format specified by the packet-oriented Layer 2 communication protocol, so as to transmit the data frames in the second format via the at least one network port, and to convert the data frames received on the at least one network port from the second format to at least the first format, so as to transmit the data frames in at least the first format via the one or more native interfaces.

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Overview

The ADTRAN Total Access 5000 is a carrier class multi-service access and aggregation platform that bridges the gap between the existing and the next-generation networks. With a pure Ethernet core, the Total Access 5000 supports both legacy and emerging service interfaces over copper and fibre, easily scaling to support even the most bandwidth-intensive applications. The Total Access 5000 provides a clear migration path for traditional services, like voice, through its flexible network uplink options, including support for both TDM and VoIP switches.

In addition to supporting both legacy and nextgeneration access interfaces, the Ethernet core of the Total Access 5000 provides a scalable and cost-optimised aggregation point in the network, with interfaces ranging from E1 to 10 and 20 Gigabit Ethernet.

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Evolving the ATM Network

ADTRAN's Total Access 5000/5006 is the key to solving the puzzle of ATM to Ethernet migration for residential services. Along with the ability to aggregate ATM DS3, OC-3 and T1 IMA in a pure ATM application, the Total Access 5000 provides the ability to interwork incoming ATM traffic from existing ATM DSLAMs and switch it to an Ethernet network via N x GigE interfaces.

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26. The Total Access 5000 comprises edge devices configured to direct the data frames received from two or more of the native interfaces to one of the ports of the hub, and to map the two or more of the native interfaces to different, respective Virtual Local Area Networks (VLANs) on the network, such that the at least one network port comprises an Ethernet port, and such that the one or more native interfaces comprise at least one of a time domain multiplexed (TDM) interface and a serial interface.



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ATM Aggregation and Interworking

- OC3, DS3, and IMA ATM Aggregation
- Remote DSLAM Management
- xDSL Growth
- Simultaneous ATM and Ethernet Network Interfaces (if required)
- Retain legacy CPE
 - PPPoA to oE conversion
- Support for up to 24k PVCs
- VP to VLAN "switched model"
- LLC Auto-Sense Detection
- Per VC granularity
 - Mapped to stacked VLAN tags
- Now supported in RTs !



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Willful Infringement

27. On May 9, 2017 and October 2, 2017 Orckit IP LLC sent letters to Defendant ("Notice Letters"), which informed Defendant of the Asserted Patents.

28. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '010 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of receipt of the Notice Letters.

29. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '010 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of service or other receipt of Plaintiff's Complaint.

30. Defendant's infringement of the Asserted Patents was either known or was so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant.

31. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant has knowingly or with reckless disregard infringed the '010 Patent. Defendant continued to commit acts of infringement despite being on notice of an objectively high likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of Plaintiff's valid patent rights, either literally or equivalently.

32. Defendant is therefore liable for willful infringement. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks enhanced damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285.

Indirect Infringement

33. Defendant has induced and is knowingly inducing its distributors, testers, trainers, customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '010 Patent, with the specific intent to induce acts constituting infringement, and knowing that the induced acts constitute patent infringement, either literally or equivalently.

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34. Defendant has knowingly contributed to direct infringement by its customers and end users by having imported, sold, and/or offered for sale, and knowingly importing, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States the accused products which are not suitable for substantial non-infringing use and which are especially made or especially adapted for use by its customers in an infringement of the asserted patent.

35. Defendant's indirect infringement includes, for example, providing data sheets, technical guides, demonstrations, software and hardware specifications, installation guides, and other forms of support that induce its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '010 Patent, including:

- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/web/page/portal/Adtran/group/4282</u>
- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Data_Sheets/International_/I61188001</u> <u>G1-8%20TA5000%20ETSI.pdf</u>
- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Product_Brochures/Default/CN035_TA5000%20BR.pdf</u>
- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Channel%20Programs/Reseller%20Par</u> <u>tner%20Program/Power&Tel%202010/Power&Tel_2010_Solutions_Migrating</u> <u>Legacy_Services_Breakout.pdf</u>

36. Defendant's indirect infringement additionally includes marketing its products for import by its customers into the United States. Defendant's indirect infringement further includes providing application notes instructing its customers on infringing uses of the '010 Accused Products. The '010 Accused Products are designed in such a way that when they are used for their intended purpose, the user infringes the '010 Patent, either literally or equivalently. Defendant knows and

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intends that customers who purchase the '010 Accused Products will use those products for their intended purpose. For example, Defendant's United States website, https://www.adtran.com, instructs customers to use the '010 Accused Products in numerous infringing applications. Defendant's customers directly infringe the '010 patent when they follow Defendant's provided instructions on website, videos, and elsewhere. Defendant's customers who follow Defendant's provided instructions directly infringe claims of the '010 Patent.

37. In addition, Defendant specifically intends that its customers, such as United States distributors, retailers and consumer product companies, will import, use, and sell infringing products in the United States to serve and develop the United States market for Defendant's infringing products. Defendant knows that following its instructions directly infringes claims of the '010 Patent, including for example Claim 14.

38. As a result of Defendant's infringement, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages, and is entitled to an award of damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement which, by law, can be no less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT TWO INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,463,580

39. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in preceding paragraphs 1-11 as if fully set forth herein.

40. The '580 Patent, entitled "Resource sharing among network tunnels" was filed on December 15, 2005 and issued on December 9, 2008.

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41. Plaintiff is the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interest to the '580 Patent, including the right to recover for past infringements, and has the legal right to enforce the patent, sue for infringement, and seek equitable relief and damages.

Technical Description

42. The '580 Patent addresses problems in the art of Multiprotocol label switching (MPLS), specifically that "tunnel-oriented resource reservation protocols such as RSVP-TE and CR-LDP cited above are typically unable to share resources among communication paths, such as protected paths (except for resource sharing between different instances of the same path, which are not considered to be separate communication paths in this context)." 2:22-27.

43. The '580 Patent discloses that, "[t]he methods and systems described hereinbelow enable resource allocations in network segments and network elements to be shared between two or more communication paths, thus overcoming these shortcomings of the prior art." 2:27-31.

Direct Infringement

44. Defendant, without authorization or license from Plaintiff, has been and is directly infringing the '580 Patent, either literally or equivalently, as infringement is defined by 35 U.S.C. § 271, including through making, using (including for testing purposes), importing, selling and offering for sale telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '580 Patent. Defendant develops, designs, manufactures, and distributes telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '580 Patent. Defendant further provides services that practice

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methods that infringe one or more claims of the '580 Patent. Defendant is thus liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271. Exemplary infringing instrumentalities include Adtran Total Access 5000, and all other substantially similar products (collectively the "580 Accused Products").

45. Smart Path names this exemplary infringing instrumentality to serve as notice of Defendant's infringing acts, but Smart Path reserves the right to name additional infringing products, known to or learned by Smart Path or revealed during discovery, and include them in the definition of '580 Accused Products.

46. Defendant is liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 for the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, importation, or distribution of Defendant's Total Access 5000.

47. Defendant's Total Access 5000 is a non-limiting example of an apparatus that meets all limitations of claim 8 of the '580 Patent, either literally or equivalently.

48. The Total Access 5000 is a network element.



49. The Total Access 5000 comprises a network interface for communicating with other elements in a communication network.

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50. The Total Access 5000 comprises a processor, which is arranged to accept, via the network interface, a notification distributed over the communication network of an affiliation with a resource-sharing group of at least first and second tunnels, which have respective origin network elements and termination network elements and which traverse different routes through the network.

The ADTRAN[®] Total Access[®] 5000 offers a versatile Carrier Ethernet Transport Optical Switch (ETOS) as part of the Optical Networking Edge (ONE[™]) product line. The addition of the ETOS-10 module to the ADTRAN Total Access 5000 allows service providers the ability to deliver and aggregate both 1 GigE and 10 GigE carrier-grade services. Services which can then be transported on a per wavelength basis, using only a single fiber uplink to aggregate and transport multiple services whether for residential triple play, mobile backhaul or business Ethernet services. The core Ethernet features of this product include a flexible Ethernet processor and a leading density of 10 Gigabit Ethernet SFP+ standard or DWDM fiber interfaces. The ETOS-10 supports flexible traffic management; Ethernet flow mapping, prioritization, tagging; and versatile management options which are required to respond to the demand for premium services.

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51. The Total Access 5000 comprises tunnels meeting at least one condition selected from a group of conditions consisting of: the respective origin network elements of the first and second tunnels are different; and the respective termination network elements of the first and second tunnels are different.



52. The Total Access 5000 comprises a call admission control (CAC) module, which is arranged, when the network element is traversed by at least some of the tunnels in the resource-sharing group, to allocate a resource associated with the network element so as to share an allocation of the resource among the at least some of the tunnels responsively to the notification.



Willful Infringement

53. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '580 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of receipt of the Notice Letters.

54. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '580 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of service or other receipt of Plaintiff's Complaint.

55. Defendant's infringement of the Asserted Patents was either known or was so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant.

56. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant has knowingly or with reckless disregard infringed the '580 Patent. Defendant continued to commit acts of infringement despite being on notice of an objectively high likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of Plaintiff's valid patent rights, either literally or equivalently.

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57. Defendant is therefore liable for willful infringement. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks enhanced damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285.

Indirect Infringement

58. Defendant has induced and is knowingly inducing its distributors, testers, trainers, customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '580 Patent, with the specific intent to induce acts constituting infringement, and knowing that the induced acts constitute patent infringement, either literally or equivalently.

59. Defendant has knowingly contributed to direct infringement by its customers and end users by having imported, sold, and/or offered for sale, and knowingly importing, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States the accused products which are not suitable for substantial non-infringing use and which are especially made or especially adapted for use by its customers in an infringement of the asserted patent.

60. Defendant's indirect infringement includes, for example, providing data sheets, technical guides, demonstrations, software and hardware specifications, installation guides, and other forms of support that induce its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '580 Patent, including:

- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/web/page/portal/Adtran/group/4282</u>
- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Data_Sheets/Default_Public/61174130</u> <u>F2-8%20TA5000%20ETOS-10.pdf</u>
- <u>https://adtran.com/pub/Library/Data_Sheets/International_/I61187503F1-</u> <u>8_TA5000%20GPON%20Octal%20OLT.pdf</u>
- https://adtran.com/web/fileDownload/doc/32430

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61. Defendant's indirect infringement additionally includes marketing its products for import by its customers into the United States. Defendant's indirect infringement further includes providing application notes instructing its customers on infringing uses of the '580 Accused Products. The '580 Accused Products are designed in such a way that when they are used for their intended purpose, the user infringes the '580 Patent, either literally or equivalently. Defendant knows and intends that customers who purchase the '580 Accused Products will use those products for their intended purpose. For example, Defendant's United States website, https://www.adtran.com, instructs customers to use the '580 Accused Products in numerous infringing applications. Defendant's customers directly infringe the '580 patent when they follow Defendant's provided instructions on website, videos, and elsewhere. Defendant's customers who follow Defendant's provided instructions directly infringe claims of the '580 Patent.

62. In addition, Defendant specifically intends that its customers, such as United States distributors, retailers and consumer product companies, will import, use, and sell infringing products in the United States to serve and develop the United States market for Defendant's infringing products. Defendant knows following its instructions directly infringes claims of the '580 Patent, including for example Claim 1.

63. As a result of Defendant's infringement, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages, and is entitled to an award of damages adequate to compensate it for such

infringement which, by law, can be no less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

COUNT THREE INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,551,599

64. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in preceding paragraphs 1-11 as if fully set forth herein.

65. The '599 Patent, entitled "Layer-3 network routing with RPR layer-2 visibility" was filed on March 29, 2004 and issued on June 23, 2009.

66. Plaintiff is the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interest to the '599 Patent, including the right to recover for past infringements, and has the legal right to enforce the patent, sue for infringement, and seek equitable relief and damages.

Technical Description

67. The '599 Patent addresses technical problems in the prior art, including that "[c]urrently, layer-3 routing protocols, such as RIP and OSPF, are unaware of the topology of layer-2 RPR networks with which they must interact. A routing table allows the router to forward packets from source to destination via the most suitable path, i.e., lowest cost, minimum number of hops. The routing table is updated via the routing protocol, which dynamically discovers currently available paths. The routing table may also be updated via static routes, or can be built using a local interface configuration, which is updated by the network administrator. However, the RPR ingress and egress nodes chosen in the operation of automatic routing protocols do not take into account the internal links within the RPR ring, and may therefore cause

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load imbalances within the RPR subnet, which generally results in suboptimum performance of the larger network." 3:65-4:12.

68. To address these issues, the '599 Patent discloses "methods and systems are provided for the manipulation of layer-3 network nodes, external routers, routing tables and elements of layer-2 ring networks, such as RPR networks, enabling the layer-3 elements to view the topology of a layer-2 ring subnet. This feature permits routers to choose optimal entry points to the layer-2 subnet for different routes that pass into or through the layer-2 subnet. This enables virtual tunnels or routing paths to utilize all existing entry links to the subnet and to minimize cost factors, such as the number of spans required to traverse the subnet from the entry point to a destination node of the subnet." 4:17-27.

Direct Infringement

69. Defendant, without authorization or license from Plaintiff, has been and is directly infringing the '599 Patent, either literally or equivalently, as infringement is defined by 35 U.S.C. § 271, including through making, using (including for testing purposes), importing, selling and offering for sale methods, devices, and networks infringing one or more claims of the '599 Patent. Defendant develops, designs, manufactures, and distributes telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '599 Patent. Defendant further provides services that practice methods that infringe one or more claims of the '465 Patent. Defendant is thus liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271. Exemplary infringing

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instrumentalities include Adtran {complete}, and all other substantially similar products (collectively the "599 Accused Products").

70. Smart Path names these exemplary infringing instrumentalities to serve as notice of Defendant's infringing acts, however Smart Path reserves the right to name additional infringing products, known to or learned by Smart Path or revealed during discovery, and include them in the definition of '599 Accused Products.

71. Defendant is liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 for the use, manufacture, sale, offer of sale, importation, or distribution of Defendant's Adtran NetVanta 1638P with ActivChassis Multi-Layer Gigabit PoE Ethernet Switch.

72. Defendant's Adtran NetVanta 1638P is a non-limiting example of a an ethernet switch that meets all limitations of claim 32 of the '599 Patent, either literally or equivalently.

73. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P comprises a network routing system for obtaining ingress from an external layer-3 network to a layer-2 ring network to reach nodes thereof.



Multi-layer Switching

The NetVanta 1638P supports advanced multilayer (Layer 2 and Layer 3) switching. It supports static routes, RIP V1/V2, OSPF, Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) and Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol (VRRP), allowing it to easily scale from small businesses to enterprise-sized networks.

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74. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P comprises first routers disposed in ingress nodes of said ring network, said first routers being configured for creating entries in a host table, each of said entries comprising an address of a respective one of said nodes of said ring network and a metric.



75. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P comprises first routers disposed in ingress nodes of said ring network, said first routers being configured for creating entries in a host table, each of said entries comprising an address of a respective one of said nodes of said ring network and a metric.



76. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P comprises first routers being further configured for uploading said host table to external elements of a data network that interfaces with said ring network via said ingress nodes.

Step 2	: Advertise Local Networks
Specify the loca allow E	the local networks that remote sites should be able to access. Only networks that originate within I AS should be advertised. The following command is used from the BGP Configuration mode to GP to advertise a network:
(co	nfig-bgp)#network <ipv4 address=""> mask <subnet mask=""></subnet></ipv4>
<ip BG</ip 	v4 address> Specifies the IPv4 network address for the neighbor that AOS will advertise over P. IPv4 addresses should be expressed in dotted decimal notation (for example, 10.10.10.0).
<sr spe</sr 	<i>bnet mask</i> > Specifies the subnet mask that corresponds to a range of IPv4 addresses (network) or a cific host. Subnet masks can be expressed in dotted decimal notation (for example, 255.255.255.0)
For exa	mple, to advertise the private network 10.1.10.0 255.255.255.0, enter:
(co	nfig-bgp)#network 10.1.10.0 mask 255.255.255.0
BGP is can sen 16/24 i specify	a classless protocol. Therefore, networks with variable length subnet masks can be specified. BGF d out a route summary for the entire range of local subnets. For example, a customer's site includes networks from 10.1.0.0 /24 to 10.1.15.0 /24, which together make up network 10.1.0.0 /20. You can the entire range of subnets by entering:
(co	nfig-bgp)#network 10.1.0.0 mask 255.255.240.0
Since the network	te BGP router is advertising a route, it searches its routing table for a route to the specified cs. It then sends this route to all authorized neighbors.
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/jmax	<u>xz83287/nv-</u>
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77. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P comprises a second router disposed in at least one of said external elements, said second router being configured for defining paths from said external elements to designated ones of said nodes of said ring network, each of said paths leading through a selected one of said ingress nodes responsively to said metric.



78. The Adtran NetVanta 1638P transmitting data from network elements that are external to said ring network to at least one of said nodes via a selected one of said paths.



BGP Attributes

BGP attributes are properties that are used to determine the best route to a destination when multiple paths exist to a single destination. An understanding of how BGP attributes influence route selection is important when designing networks.

The following BGP attributes are supported by AOS:

- LOCAL_PREF
- MULTI_EXIT_DISC or MED
- Origin
- AS_PATH
- NEXT_HOP
- Community

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Willful Infringement

79. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '599 Patent and its infringement

thereof at least as of receipt of the Notice Letters.

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80. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '599 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of service or other receipt of Plaintiff's Complaint.

81. Defendant's risk of infringement of the Asserted Patents was either known or was so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant.

82. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant has knowingly or with reckless disregard willfully infringed the '599 Patent. Defendant has thus had actual notice of the infringement of the '599 Patent and acted despite an objectively high likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of Plaintiff's valid patent rights, either literally or equivalently.

83. This objective risk was either known or so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks enhanced damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285.

Indirect Infringement

84. Defendant has induced and is knowingly inducing its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '599 Patent, with the specific intent to encourage such infringement, and knowing that the induced acts constitute patent infringement, either literally or equivalently.

85. Defendant has knowingly contributed to direct infringement by its customers by having imported, sold, and/or offered for sale, and knowingly importing, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States the '599 Accused Products which are not suitable for substantial non-infringing use and which are especially made or especially adapted for use by its customers in an infringement of the asserted patent.

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86. Defendant's indirect infringement includes, for example, providing data sheets, technical guides, demonstrations, software and hardware specifications, installation guides, and other forms of support that induce its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '599 Patent, for example:

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- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Data_Sheets/Default_Public/61702591</u> <u>G2-8%20NV1534P.pdf</u>
- https://supportcommunity.adtran.com/jmaxz83287/attachments/jmaxz83287/ nvaos/10/1/Configuring%20BGP%20in%20AOS%20for%20Releases%20Prior%2 0to%2018.03.00%20and%20R10.1.0.pdf
- <u>https://portal.adtran.com/pub/Library/Product_Brochures/Default/EN1025_N</u> <u>V_Switch_BR.pdf</u>

87. Defendant's indirect infringement additionally includes marketing its products for import by its customers into the United States. Defendant's indirect infringement further includes providing application notes instructing its customers on infringing uses of the accused products. The '599 Accused Products are designed in such a way that when they are used for their intended purpose, the user infringes the '599 Patent, either literally or equivalently. Defendant knows and intends that customers who purchase the '599 Accused Products will use those products for their intended purpose. For example, Defendant's United States website https://www.adtran.com, instructs customers to use the '599 Accused Products in numerous infringing applications. Defendant's customers directly infringe the '599

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Patent when they follow Defendant's provided instructions on its website, videos, and elsewhere. Defendant's customers who follow Defendant's provided instructions directly infringe claims 1 - 16, 47 - 58, and 83 - 84 of the '599 Patent.

88. In addition, Defendant specifically intends that its customers, such as United States distributors, retailers and consumer product companies, will import, use, and sell infringing products in the United States to serve and develop the United States market for Defendant's infringing products.

89. As a result of Defendant's infringement, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages, and is entitled to an award of damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement which, by law, can be no less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 US.C. § 284.

COUNT FOUR INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT 7,697,525

90. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in preceding paragraphs 1-11 as if fully set forth herein.

91. The '525 Patent, entitled "Forwarding multicast traffic over link aggregation ports" was filed on December 21, 2006 and issued on April 13, 2010.

92. Plaintiff is the assignee and owner of all rights, title and interest to the '525 Patent, including the right to recover for past infringements, and has the legal right to enforce the patent, sue for infringement, and seek equitable relief and damages.

Technical Description

93. The '525 Patent provides a solution to the problems in the prior art as follows, "[u]nlike some known methods and systems in which all multicast packets are sent

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to the same LAG group port, the methods and systems described herein distribute multicast packets approximately evenly among the different output ports of the LAG group. Thus, the traffic load within the group is balanced, and distribution of additional unicast traffic across the group is simplified." 3:54-60.

Direct Infringement

94. Defendant, without authorization or license from Plaintiff, has been and is directly infringing the '525 Patent, either literally or equivalently, as infringement is defined by 35 U.S.C. § 271, including through making, using (including for testing purposes), importing, selling and offering for sale methods, devices, and networks infringing one or more claims of the '525 Patent. Defendant develops, designs, manufactures, and distributes telecommunications equipment that infringes one or more claims of the '525 Patent. Defendant further provides services that practice methods that infringe one or more claims of the '525 Patent. Defendant is thus liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271. Exemplary infringing instrumentalities include Adtran NetVanta 1544 Layer 3 Gigabit Ethernet Switch, and all other substantially similar products (collectively the "525 Accused Products").

95. Smart Path names this exemplary infringing instrumentality to serve as notice of Defendant's infringing acts, but Smart Path reserves the right to name additional infringing products, known to or learned by Smart Path or revealed during discovery, and include them in the definition of '525 Accused Products.

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96. Defendant is liable for direct infringement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 271 for the use, manufacture, sale, offer of sale, important, or distribution of Defendant's {complete}.

97. Defendant's Adtran NetVanta 1544 is a non-limiting example of an ethernet that meets all limitations of claim 1 of the '525 Patent, either literally or equivalently.

98. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises a network node in a communication network.



99. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises a plurality of ports, at least a subset of which is grouped in a link aggregation group (LAG).

Link Ag	gregation
ADTRAN AO switches to a manufacturer bundle multip support up to beneficial in t	S supports Link Aggregation, which is defined in IEEE 802.3ad, and allows ggregate Ethernet ports between ADTRAN switches or other switch s that conform to the 802.3ad specification. Link Aggregation allows you to le Ethernet ports to form a single logical channel. An ADTRAN switch can 6 channel groups; each of which can contain up to 8 ports per. This is wo ways: increased link capacity and providing for redundancy.
When configu same speed a belong to more across multip	uring Link Aggregation, all ports within the group must be configured with the and duplex (Link Aggregation only works on FULL duplex). A port cannot re than one channel group at the same time. Load balancing is supported le channel groups.



100. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises packet processing logic, which is coupled to receive data packets having respective destination addresses that specify forwarding the packets to groups of multiple recipients through at least one of the ports and to process the data packets so as to forward only a single copy of each of the data packets via the output ports in the subset, while distributing forwarded copies of the data packets among the output ports in the subset so as to balance a traffic load within the LAG group.



Link Aggregation

ADTRAN AOS supports Link Aggregation, which is defined in IEEE 802.3ad, and allows switches to aggregate Ethernet ports between ADTRAN switches or other switch manufacturers that conform to the 802.3ad specification. Link Aggregation allows you to bundle multiple Ethernet ports to form a single logical channel. An ADTRAN switch can support up to 6 channel groups; each of which can contain up to 8 ports per. This is beneficial in two ways: increased link capacity and providing for redundancy.

When configuring Link Aggregation, all ports within the group must be configured with the same speed and duplex (Link Aggregation only works on FULL duplex). A port cannot belong to more than one channel group at the same time. Load balancing is supported across multiple channel groups.

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101. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises packet processing logic arranged to allocate to each of the received data packets a fabric multicast identification (FMID) value selected from a range of possible FMID values, each FMID being associated with one of the ports in the subset, and to forward the single copy to the port associated with the allocated FMID value.



102. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises multiple line cards connected to the ports and a switching fabric interconnecting the line cards, wherein, for each of the received data packets, a first line card connected to a first port via which the data packet is received is arranged to allocate the FMID value to the packet and to forward the packet to the switching fabric, and wherein the switching fabric and a second line card connected to a second port to which the data packet is to be sent are configured to forward the data packet responsively to the FMID value.

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103. The Adtran NetVanta 1544 comprises the first line card arranged to assign to the data packets line card FMID (LC-FMID) values selected from a first range of possible LC-FMID values, and wherein the switching fabric is arranged to map the LC-FMID values to respective central FMID (C-FMID) values selected from a second range of possible C-FMID values that is smaller than the first range and to forward the data packets responsively to the C-FMID values.



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The Fr	rame Distributor is responsible for taking outgoing frames from the MAC Client and transmitting then
throug	the set of links that form the Link Aggregation Group. The Frame Distributor implements a distribu-
tion fu	unction (algorithm) responsible for choosing the link to be used for the transmission of any given frame
or set	of frames.
This s	tandard does not mandate any particular distribution algorithm(s); however, any distribution algorithm
shall e	ensure that, when frames are received by a Frame Collector as specified in 43.2.3, the algorithm shal
not ca	use
a)	Mis-ordering of frames that are part of any given conversation, or Dualication of frames

Willful Infringement

104. Defendant has had actual knowledge the '525 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of receipt of the Notice Letters.

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105. Defendant has had actual knowledge of the '525 Patent and its infringement thereof at least as of service or other receipt of Plaintiff's Complaint.

106. Defendant's risk of infringement of the Asserted Patents was either known or was so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant.

107. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Defendant has knowingly or with reckless disregard willfully infringed the '525 Patent. Defendant has thus had actual notice of the infringement of the '525 Patent and acted despite an objectively high likelihood that its actions constituted infringement of Plaintiff's valid patent rights, either literally or equivalently.

108. This objective risk was either known or so obvious that it should have been known to Defendant. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks enhanced damages pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285.

Indirect Infringement

109. Defendant has induced and is knowingly inducing its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '525 Patent, with the specific intent to encourage such infringement, and knowing that the induced acts constitute patent infringement, either literally or equivalently.

110. Defendant has knowingly contributed to direct infringement by its customers by having imported, sold, and/or offered for sale, and knowingly importing, selling, and/or offering to sell within the United States the '525 Accused Products which are not suitable for substantial non-infringing use and which are especially

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made or especially adapted for use by its customers in an infringement of the asserted patent.

111. Defendant's indirect infringement includes, for example, providing data sheets, technical guides, demonstrations, software and hardware specifications, installation guides, and other forms of support that induce its customers and/or end users to directly infringe the '525 Patent, for example:

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- <u>https://supportforums.adtran.com/docs/DOC-3485</u>
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112. Defendant's indirect infringement additionally includes marketing its products for import by its customers into the United States. Defendant's indirect infringement further includes providing application notes instructing its customers on infringing uses of the '525 Accused Products. The '525 Accused Products are designed in such a way that when they are used for their intended purpose, the user infringes the '525 Patent, either literally or equivalently. Defendant knows and intends that customers who purchase the '525 Accused Products will use those products for their intended purpose. For example, Defendant's United States website: https://www.adtran.com, instructs customers to use the '525 Accused

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Products in numerous infringing applications. Defendant's customers directly infringe the '525 patent when they follow Defendant's provided instructions on website, videos, and elsewhere. Defendant's customers who follow Defendant's provided instructions directly infringe claims of the '525 Patent.

113. In addition, Defendant specifically intends that its customers, such as United States distributors, retailers and consumer product companies, will import, use, and sell infringing products in the United States to serve and develop the United States market for Defendant's infringing products. Defendant knows following its instructions directly infringes claims of the '525 Patent, including for example Claims 12-24.

114. Defendant's customers who follow Defendant's provided instructions directly infringe the method of claim 12 - 24 of the '525 Patent.

115. As a result of Defendant's infringement, Plaintiff has suffered monetary damages, and is entitled to an award of damages adequate to compensate it for such infringement which, by law, can be no less than a reasonable royalty, together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 US.C. § 284.

V. NOTICE

116. Smart Path has complied with the notice requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 287 and does not currently distribute, sell, offer for sale, or make products embodying the Asserted Patents. This notice requirement has been complied with by all relevant persons at all relevant times.

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VI. JURY DEMAND

117. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all matters to which it is entitled to

trial by jury, pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 38.

VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment and seeks relief against

Defendant as follows:

- A. That the Court determine that one or more claims of each of the Asserted Patents is infringed by Defendant, both literally and under the doctrine of equivalents;
- B. That the Court determine that one or more claims of each of the Asserted Patents is indirectly infringed by Defendant;
- C. That the Court award damages adequate to compensate Plaintiff for the patent infringement that has occurred, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest and costs, and an ongoing royalty for continued infringement;
- D. That the Court permanently enjoin Defendant pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283;
- E. That the Court find this case to be exceptional pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- F. That the Court determine that Defendant's infringements were willful;
- G. That the Court award enhanced damages against Defendant pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- H. That the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees; and
- I. That the Court award such other relief to Plaintiff as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: April 5, 2021

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