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11	Plaintiff,				COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL,		
12	v.			INC. FOR PATENT			
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COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiff Fleet Connect Solutions LLC ("FCS") files this Complaint
against Belkin International, Inc. ("Belkin" or "Defendant") alleging, based on its
own knowledge as to itself and its own actions, and based on information and belief
as to all other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

This is a patent infringement action to stop Defendant's infringement of
 the following United States Patents (collectively, the "Asserted Patents"), issued by

9 the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"):

10		Patent No.	Reference			
10	1.	6,549,583	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/6549583			
11	2.	6,633,616	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/6633616			
12	3.	7,058,040	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/7058040			
13	4.	7,260,153	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/7260153			
15	5.	7,656,845	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/7656845			
16	6.	7,742,388	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/7742388			
17	7.	8,005,053	https://image-ppubs.uspto.gov/dirsearch- public/print/downloadPdf/8005053			
18	2. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and monetary damages.					
19	PARTIES					
20		3. Plaintif	f is a limited liability company formed under the laws of Texas			
21	with its registered office address located in Austin, Texas.					
22		4. Upon i	nformation and belief, Defendant Belkin International, Inc. is a			

23 corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with a principal place

- of business located at 555 S Aviation Blvd., Suite 180, El Segundo, CA 90245-4852.
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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in Paragraphs above as though
 fully set forth in their entirety.
- 6. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent arising under

35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, and 284–85, among others. This Court has subject matter
 jurisdiction of the action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and § 1338(a).

7. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b)-(d) and
1400(b) because Belkin resides in this district, has its principal place of business in
this district, has conducted and continues to conduct business in this district, and has
committed and continues to commit acts of infringement in this district.

8. Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal
jurisdiction under due process due at least to Defendant's substantial business in this
judicial district, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein;
(ii) regularly transacting, doing, and/or soliciting business, engaging in other
persistent courses of conduct, or deriving substantial revenue from goods and
services provided to individuals in California and in this District; and (iii) having an
interest in, using or possessing real property in California.

9. Specifically, Defendant intends to do and does business in, has committed acts of infringement in, and continues to commit acts of infringement in this District directly, through intermediaries, by contributing to and through its inducement of third parties, and offers its products or services, including those accused of infringement here, to customers and potential customers located in this District. Defendant markets, sells, and delivers accused products in this district, and has committed acts of infringement in this judicial district.

10. Defendant commits acts of infringement from this District, including, but
not limited to, use of the Accused Products and inducement of third parties to use
the Accused Products.

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THE ACCUSED PRODUCTS

11. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in Paragraphs above as though
fully set forth in their entirety.

Defendant uses, causes to be used, provides, supplies, or distributes one
 or more computing devices, including, but not limited to, Atlas Max 6E - MX8503,
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Atlas Max 6E - MX8502, Atlas Pro 6 - MX5503, Atlas Pro 6 - MX5502, MX12600, 1 MX8400C, MX4200, Hydra Pro 6 - EMR7500, Hydra Pro 6 - MR5500, Max-Stream 2 - EA7450, Max-Stream - MR7350, Hydra 6 - MR20EC, E8450 - Dual-Band 3 AX3200 WiFi 6 Router, E7350 - Dual-Band AX1800 WiFi 6 Router, Dual-Band 4 WiFi 6 Range Extender (AX1800), RE6300 AC750 BOOST WiFi Extender, 5 RE7310 - Dual-Band WiFi 6 Range Extender (AX1800), SoundForm Elite, Wemo 6 Smart Video Doorbell - WDC010), and any other devices and hardware, software, 7 and functionality that comprise substantially similar functionality (collectively, the 8 "Accused Products"). 9

10 13. On information and belief, the Accused Products perform wireless 11 communications and methods associated with performing and/or implementing 12 wireless communications including, but not limited to, wireless communications and 13 methods pursuant to various protocols and implementations, including, but not 14 limited to, Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11, and LTE protocols and various subsections 15 thereof, including, but not limited to, 802.11ac, 802.11b, and 802.11n.

16 14. On information and belief, the wireless communications perform and/or 17 implemented by the Accused Products, among other things, transmit data over 18 various media, compute time slot channels, generate packets for network 19 transmissions, perform or cause to be performed error estimation in orthogonal 20 frequency division multiplexed ("OFDM") receivers, and various methods of 21 processing OFDM symbols.

15. Defendant was notified that the Accused Products infringe the AssertedPatents by a letter in February of 2024.

24 16. For these reasons and the additional reasons detailed below, the Accused25 Products practice at least one claim of each of the Asserted Patents.

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COUNT I: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,549,583

27 17. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in Paragraphs above as though
28 fully set forth in their entirety.

1 18. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 6,549,583 (the "'583 patent") on
 2 April 15, 2003, after full and fair examination of Application No. 09/790,429 which
 3 was filed February 21, 2001. The '583 patent is entitled "Optimum Phase Error
 4 Metric for OFDM Pilot Tone Tracking in Wireless LAN."

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19. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '583 patent, including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '583 patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

8 20. The claims of the '583 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are 9 not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed 10 inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and 11 operation of preexisting error estimation methods.

12 21. The written description of the '583 patent describes in technical detail 13 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 14 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 15 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 16 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

17 22. FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
18 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for
19 infringement of the '583 patent.

23. Defendant has directly infringed the claims of the '583 patent by 20 manufacturing, providing, supplying, using, distributing, selling, or offering to sell 21 the Accused Products. For instance, Defendant has directly infringed, either literally 22 or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '583 patent. As just one 23 example of infringement, Defendant, using the Accused Products, performs a 24 method of pilot phase error estimation in an orthogonal frequency division 25 multiplexed (OFDM) receiver. The method includes determining pilot reference 26 points corresponding to a plurality of pilots of an OFDM preamble waveform; and 27 estimating an aggregate phase error of a subsequent OFDM data symbol relative to 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |4

the pilot reference points using complex signal measurements corresponding to each of the plurality of pilots of the subsequent OFDM data symbol and the pilot reference points; wherein the estimating step comprises performing a maximum likelihoodbased estimation using the complex signal measurements corresponding to each of the plurality of pilots of the subsequent OFDM data symbol and the pilot reference points. *See* '583 Evidence of Use Charts, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

7 24. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
8 alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
9 for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
10 together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

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COUNT II: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 6,633,616

12 25. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in Paragraphs above as though13 fully set forth in their entirety.

14 26. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 6,633,616 (the "616 patent") on
15 October 14, 2003, after full and fair examination of Application No. 09/935,081
16 which was filed August 21, 2001. The '616 patent is entitled "OFDM Pilot Tone
17 Tracking for Wireless LAN."

18 27. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '616 patent,
19 including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '616
20 patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

21 28. The claims of the '616 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are 22 not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed 23 inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and 24 operation of preexisting error estimation methods.

25 29. The written description of the '616 patent describes in technical detail
26 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of
27 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim

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limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been
 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

3 30. FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations 4 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for 5 infringement of the '616 patent.

Defendant has directly infringed the claims of the '616 patent by 31. 6 manufacturing, providing, supplying, using, distributing, selling, or offering to sell 7 the Accused Products. For instance, Defendant has directly infringed, either literally 8 or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 12 of the '616 patent. As just one 9 example of infringement, Defendant, using the Accused Products, performs a 10 method of pilot phase error estimation in an orthogonal frequency division 11 multiplexed (OFDM) receiver. The method includes determining pilot reference 12 points corresponding to a plurality of pilots of an OFDM preamble waveform; 13 processing, in a parallel path to the determining step, the OFDM preamble waveform 14 with a fast Fourier transform; determining a phase error estimate of a subsequent 15 OFDM symbol relative to the pilot reference points; and processing, in the parallel 16 path to the determining step, the subsequent OFDM symbol with the fast Fourier 17 transform; wherein the determining the phase error estimate step is completed prior 18 to the completion of the processing of the subsequent OFDM symbol with the fast 19 Fourier transform in the parallel path. See '616 Evidence of Use Charts attached 20hereto as **Exhibit B**. 21

32. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

26 COUNT III: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,058,040

33. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as
though fully set forth in their entirety.

The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 7,058,040 (the "'040 patent") on
 June 6, 2006, after full and fair examination of Application No. 09/962,718 which
 was filed September 21, 2001. The '040 patent is entitled "Channel Interference
 Reduction."

5 35. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '040 patent, 6 including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '040 7 patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

8 36. The claims of the '040 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are 9 not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed 10 inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and 11 operation of preexisting data transmission methods.

12 37. The written description of the '040 patent describes in technical detail 13 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 14 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 15 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 16 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

17 38. FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
18 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for
19 infringement of the '040 patent.

39. Defendant has directly infringed and continued to directly infringe the 20 claims of the '040 patent through the end of its term by manufacturing, providing, 21 supplying, using, distributing, selling, or offering to sell the Accused Products. For 22 instance, Defendant has directly infringed and continued to directly infringe, either 23 literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '040 patent 24 through the end of its term. As just one example of infringement, Defendant, using 25 the Accused Products, performed a method for data transmission over first and 26 second media that overlap in frequency. The method included computing one or 27 more time division multiple access (TDMA) time-slot channels to be shared between 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |7

the first and second media for data transmission; allocating one or more time-slot channels to the first medium for data transmission; allocating one or more of the remaining time-slot channels to the second medium for data transmission; and dynamically adjusting a number of timeslot channels assigned to one of the first and second media during the data transmission to remain within limits of a desired level of service. *See* '040 Evidence of Use Chart attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

40. Defendant has indirectly infringed and continued to indirectly infringe the 7 '040 patent through the end of its term by inducing others to directly infringe the 8 '040 patent. Defendant has induced and continued to induce customers and end-9 users, including, but not limited to, Defendant's customers, employees, partners, or 10 contractors, to directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, 11 the '040 patent by providing or requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendant 12 has taken active steps, directly or through contractual relationships with others, with 13 the specific intent to cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that 14 infringes one or more claims of the '040 patent, including, for example, claim 1. 15 Such steps by Defendant has included, among other things, advising or directing 16 customers, personnel, contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an 17 infringing manner; advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an 18 infringing manner; or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused 19 Products in an infringing manner. Defendant had been performing these steps, 20which constitute induced infringement with the knowledge of the '040 patent and 21 with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute infringement. Defendant has 22 been aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused Products by others 23 would infringe the '040 patent. Defendant's inducement is ongoing. 24

41. Defendant has indirectly infringed and continued to indirectly infringe by
contributing to the infringement of the '040 patent through the end of its term.
Defendant has contributed and continued to contribute to the direct infringement of
the '040 patent by its customers, personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products
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have special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and
that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the
'040 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The special features constitute a
material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '040 patent and are
not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use.
Defendant's contributory infringement of the '040 patent was ongoing through the
end of its term.

8 42. Defendant had knowledge of its infringement of the '040 patent at least as
9 of February of 2024.

43. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendant has a policy or practice
of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing its employees to not
review the patents of others, and thus have been willfully blind of FCS's patent
rights.

44. Defendant's actions were at least objectively reckless as to the risk of
infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have
been known by Defendant.

17 45. Defendant's infringement of the '040 patent is, has been, and continued
18 to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of FCS's rights under
19 the '040 patent through the end of its term.

46. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

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COUNT IV: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,260,153

47. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above asthough fully set forth in their entirety.

- 48. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 7,260,153 (the "'153 patent") on
- 28August 21, 2007, after full and fair examination of Application No. 10/423,447,
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which was filed on April 28, 2003. The '153 patent is entitled "Multi Input Multi
 Output Wireless Communication Method and Apparatus Providing Extended Range
 and Extended Rate Across Imperfectly Estimated Channels."

4 49. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '153 patent,
5 including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '153
6 patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

The claims of the '153 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are
not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed
inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and
operation of voice and data communications systems.

11 51. The written description of the '153 patent describes in technical detail 12 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 13 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 14 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 15 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

52. Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the 16 claims of the '153 patent by importing, selling, manufacturing, offering to sell, 17 using, providing, supplying, or distributing the Accused Products. For instance, 18 Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe, either literally or 19 under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '153 patent. As just one 20example of infringement, Defendant, using the Accused Products, performs a 21 method for evaluating a channel of a multiple-input multiple-output ("MIMO") 22 wireless communication system allowing two or more communication devices with 23 multiple radiating elements to transmit parallel data sub-streams which defines a 24 channel matrix metric of cross-talk signal-to-noise ("SNR") for the subs-streams, 25 estimates the channel matrix metric, performs a singular value decomposition 26 ("SVD") of the channel matrix metric estimate to calculate estimated channel 27 singular values, and using the channel matrix metric and estimated channel singular 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |10

values to calculate a crosstalk measure for the sub-streams. *See* '153 Evidence of
 Use Charts attached hereto as Exhibit D.

53. Defendant has also indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly 3 infringe the '153 patent by inducing others to directly infringe the '153 patent. 4 Defendant has induced distributors and end-users, including, but not limited to, 5 Defendant's employees, partners, contractors, or customers, to directly infringe, 6 either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '153 patent by providing or 7 requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendant took active steps, directly or 8 through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them 9 to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the 10 '153 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '153 patent. Such steps by 11 Defendant include, among other things, advising or directing personnel, contractors, 12 or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and 13 promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing 14 instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. 15 Defendant is performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement with the 16 knowledge of the '153 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts constitute 17 infringement. Defendant is aware that the normal and customary use of the Accused 18 Products by others would infringe the '153 patent. Defendant's inducement is 19 ongoing. 20

54. Defendant has also indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly 21 infringe by contributing to the infringement of the '153 patent. Defendant has 22 contributed to the direct infringement of the '153 patent by its personnel, contractors, 23 distributors, and customers. The Accused Products have special features that are 24 specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses 25 other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '153 patent, including, for 26 example, claim 1 of the '153 patent. The special features constitute a material part 27 of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '153 patent and are not staple 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |11

articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendant's
 contributory infringement is ongoing.

3 55. Defendant had knowledge of its infringement of the '153 patent at least as
4 of February of 2024.

5 56. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendant has a policy or practice
6 of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing its employees to not
7 review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of FCS's patent rights.

8 57. Defendant's actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of
9 infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have
10 been known by Defendant.

58. Defendant's direct infringement of the '153 patent is, has been, and
continues to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of FCS's
rights under the patent.

FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for
infringement of the '153 patent.

FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

61. FCS has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and 21 goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. FCS has and will continue 22 to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendant's infringement of the '153 patent. 23 Defendant's actions have interfered with and will interfere with FCS's ability to 24 license technology. The balance of hardships favors FCS's ability to commercialize 25 its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing FCS to enforce its 26 right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in 27 this case. 28

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COUNT V: INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,656,845

2 62. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as
3 though fully set forth in their entirety.

63. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 7,656,845 (the "'845 patent") on
February 2, 2010 after full and fair examination of Application No. 11/402,172
which was filed on April 11, 2006. The '845 patent is entitled "Channel Interference
Reduction." A Certificate of Correction was issued on November 30, 2010.

8 64. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '845 patent,
9 including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '845
10 patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

11 65. The claims of the '845 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are 12 not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed 13 inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and 14 operation of preexisting systems and methods of wireless communication with a 15 mobile unit.

16 66. The written description of the '845 patent describes in technical detail 17 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 18 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 19 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 20 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

67. Defendant has directly infringed and continued to directly infringe the 21 claims of the '845 patent through the end of its term by importing, selling, 22 manufacturing, offering to sell, using, providing, supplying, or distributing the 23 Accused Products. For instance, Defendant has directly infringed and continued to 24 directly infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 25 of the '845 patent through the end of its term. As just one example of infringement, 26 Defendant, uses the Accused Products, to perform a method comprising a base 27 station allocating at least one of a plurality of data channels to a first medium for 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |13

data transmission via a wireless device; the base station allocating at least one
remaining data channel of the plurality of data channels to a second medium for data
transmission via the wireless device; and the base station dynamically adjusting,
during data transmission, a number of the data channels assigned to one of the first
and second media to remain within limits of a desired level of service. *See* '845
Evidence of Use Chart attached hereto as Exhibit E.

68. Defendant has also indirectly infringed and continued to indirectly 7 infringe the '845 patent the end of its term by inducing others to directly infringe the 8 '845 patent. Defendant has induced distributors and end-users, including, but not 9 limited to, Defendant's employees, partners, contractors, or customers, to directly 10 infringe, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '845 patent by 11 providing or requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendant took active steps, 12 directly or through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to 13 cause them to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more 14 claims of the '845 patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '845 patent. Such 15 steps by Defendant include, among other things, advising or directing personnel, 16 contractors, or end-users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; 17 advertising and promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; 18 or distributing instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an 19 infringing manner. Defendant performed these steps, which constitute induced 20infringement with the knowledge of the '845 patent and with the knowledge that the 21 induced acts constitute infringement. Defendant is aware that the normal and 22 customary use of the Accused Products by others would infringe the '845 patent. 23 Defendant's inducement is ongoing. 24

69. Defendant has also indirectly infringed and continued to indirectly
infringe by contributing to the infringement of the '845 patent through the end of its
term. Defendant has contributed to the direct infringement of the '845 patent by its
personnel, contractors, distributors, and customers. The Accused Products have
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special features that are specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that
have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '845
patent, including, for example, claim 1 of the '845 patent. The special features
constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '845
patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing
use. Defendant's contributory infringement of the '845 patent was ongoing through
the end of its term.

8 70. Defendant had knowledge of its infringement of the '845 patent at least as
9 of February of 2024.

10 71. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendant has a policy or practice
11 of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing its employees to not
12 review the patents of others, and thus has been willfully blind of FCS's patent rights.

13 72. Defendant's actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of
14 infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have
15 been known by Defendant.

73. Defendant's direct infringement of the '845 patent is, has been, and
continued to be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of FCS's
rights under the patent '845 patent through the end of its term.

19 74. FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
20 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for
21 infringement of the '845 patent.

75. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

26 COUNT VI: <u>INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 7,742,388</u>

FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above asthough fully set forth in their entirety.

The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 7,742,388 (the "'388 patent") on
 June 22, 2010, after full and fair examination of Application No. 11/185,665 which
 was filed July 20, 2005. The '388 patent is entitled "Packet Generation Systems and
 Methods."

FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '388 patent,
including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '388
patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

8 79. The claims of the '388 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are 9 not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed 10 inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and 11 operation of preexisting systems and methods of generating packets in a digital 12 communications system.

13 80. The written description of the '388 patent describes in technical detail 14 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 15 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 16 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 17 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

18 81. FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations
19 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for
20 infringement of the '388 patent.

82. Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe the 21 claims of the '388 patent by manufacturing, providing, supplying, using, 22 distributing, selling, or offering to sell the Accused Products. For instance, 23 Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe, either literally or 24 under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '388 patent. As just one 25 example of infringement, Defendant performs a method including generating a 26 packet with a size corresponding to a protocol used for a network transmission, 27 wherein the packet comprises a preamble having a first training symbol and a second 28 COMPLAINT AGAINST BELKIN INTERNATIONAL, INC. PAGE |16

training symbol. The method further includes increasing the size of the packet by
adding subcarriers to the second training symbol of the packet to produce an
extended packet, wherein a quantity of subcarriers of the second training symbol is
greater than a quantity of subcarriers of the first training symbol; and transmitting
the extended packet from an antenna. *See* '388 Evidence of Use Charts attached
hereto as Exhibit F.

83. Defendant has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe the 7 '388 patent by inducing others to directly infringe the '388 patent. Defendant has 8 induced and continue to induce customers and end-users, including, but not limited 9 to, Defendant's customers, employees, partners, or contractors, to directly infringe, 10 either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, the '388 patent by providing or 11 requiring use of the Accused Products. Defendant has taken active steps, directly or 12 through contractual relationships with others, with the specific intent to cause them 13 to use the Accused Products in a manner that infringes one or more claims of the 14 '388 patent, including, for example, claim 1. Such steps by Defendant has included, 15 among other things, advising or directing customers, personnel, contractors, or end-16 users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner; advertising and 17 promoting the use of the Accused Products in an infringing manner; or distributing 18 instructions that guide users to use the Accused Products in an infringing manner. 19 Defendant has been performing these steps, which constitute induced infringement 20with the knowledge of the '388 patent and with the knowledge that the induced acts 21 constitute infringement. Defendant has been aware that the normal and customary 22 use of the Accused Products by others would infringe the '388 patent. Defendant's 23 inducement is ongoing. 24

84. Defendant has indirectly infringed and continues to indirectly infringe by
contributing to the infringement of the '388 patent. Defendant has contributed and
continues to contribute to the direct infringement of the '388 patent by its customers,
personnel, and contractors. The Accused Products have special features that are
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specially designed to be used in an infringing way and that have no substantial uses other than ones that infringe one or more claims of the '388 patent, including, for example, claim 1. The special features constitute a material part of the invention of one or more of the claims of the '388 patent and are not staple articles of commerce suitable for substantial non-infringing use. Defendant's contributory infringement is ongoing.

7 85. Defendant had knowledge of its infringement of the '388 patent at least as
8 of February of 2024.

9 86. Furthermore, on information and belief, Defendant has a policy or practice 10 of not reviewing the patents of others, including instructing its employees to not 11 review the patents of others, and thus have been willfully blind of FCS's patent 12 rights.

13 87. Defendant's actions are at least objectively reckless as to the risk of
14 infringing a valid patent and this objective risk was either known or should have
15 been known by Defendant.

16 88. Defendant's infringement of the '388 patent is, has been, and continues to
17 be willful, intentional, deliberate, or in conscious disregard of FCS's rights under
18 the patent.

89. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant
alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it
for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty,
together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284.

90. FCS has suffered irreparable harm, through its loss of market share and
goodwill, for which there is no adequate remedy at law. FCS has and will continue
to suffer this harm by virtue of Defendant's infringement of the '388 patent.
Defendant's actions have interfered with and will interfere with FCS's ability to
license technology. The balance of hardships favors FCS's ability to commercialize
its own ideas and technology. The public interest in allowing FCS to enforce its
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right to exclude outweighs other public interests, which supports injunctive relief in
 this case.

3 COUNT VII: <u>INFRINGEMENT OF U.S. PATENT NO. 8,005,053</u>

4 91. FCS repeats and re-alleges the allegations in the Paragraphs above as5 though fully set forth in their entirety.

6 92. The USPTO duly issued U.S. Patent No. 8,005,053 (the "'053 patent") on
7 August 23, 2011, after full and fair examination of Application No. 12/696,760,
8 which was filed on January 29, 2010. The '053 patent is entitled "Channel
9 Interference Reduction."

93. FCS owns all substantial rights, interest, and title in and to the '053 patent,
including the sole and exclusive right to prosecute this action and enforce the '053
patent against infringers and to collect damages for all relevant times.

94. The claims of the '053 patent are not directed to an abstract idea and are
not limited to well-understood, routine, or conventional activity. Rather, the claimed
inventions include inventive components that improve upon the function and
operation of voice and data communications systems.

17 95. The written description of the '053 patent describes in technical detail 18 each limitation of the claims, allowing a skilled artisan to understand the scope of 19 the claims and how the non-conventional and non-generic combination of claim 20 limitations is patently distinct from and improved upon what may have been 21 considered conventional or generic in the art at the time of the invention.

96. Defendant has directly infringed the claims of the '053 patent by
importing, selling, manufacturing, offering to sell, using, providing, supplying, or
distributing the Accused Products. For instance, Defendant has directly infringed,
either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, at least claim 1 of the '053 patent.

97. As just one example of infringement, the Accused Products, used by
Defendant, comprise a first wireless transceiver configured to communicate data
according to a first wireless protocol; a second wireless transceiver configured to

communicate data according to a second wireless protocol that is different from the 1 first wireless protocol, a controller configured to select one of the first and second 2 wireless transceivers to communicate data of both the first and second wireless 3 protocols, and wherein the apparatus is configured to encode data of the wireless 4 protocol for the unselected transceiver into data of the wireless protocol for the 5 selected transceiver. See '053 Evidence of Use Charts attached hereto as Exhibit G. 6 FCS or its predecessors-in-interest have satisfied all statutory obligations 98. 7 required to collect pre-filing damages for the full period allowed by law for 8 infringement of the '053 patent. 9 99. FCS has been damaged as a result of the infringing conduct by Defendant 10 alleged above. Thus, Defendant is liable to FCS in an amount that compensates it 11 for such infringements, which by law cannot be less than a reasonable royalty, 12 together with interest and costs as fixed by this Court under 35 U.S.C. § 284. 13 JURY DEMAND 14 FCS hereby requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable by right. 100. 15 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 16 FCS requests that the Court find in its favor and against Defendant, and 101. 17 that the Court grant FCS the following relief: 18 Judgment that one or more claims of each of the Asserted Patents has been 19 a. infringed, either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents, by 20 Defendant or others acting in concert therewith; 21 b. A permanent injunction enjoining Defendant and its officers, directors, 22 agents, servants, affiliates, employees, divisions, branches, subsidiaries, 23 parents, and all others acting in concert therewith from infringement of 24 the '153 patent and the '388 patent; or, in the alternative, an award of a 25 reasonable ongoing royalty for future infringement of the Asserted Patents 26 by such entities; 27 Judgment that Defendant account for and pay to FCS all damages to and 28 c.

1		costs incurred by FCS because of Defendant's infringing activities and
2		other conduct complained of herein;
3	d.	Judgment that Defendant's infringements of the '040 patent, the '153
4		patent, the '845 patent, and the '388 patent be found willful, and that the
5		Court award treble damages for the period of such willful infringement
6		pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;
7	e.	Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages caused by
8		Defendant's infringing activities and other conduct complained of herein;
9	f.	That this Court declare this an exceptional case and award FCS its
10		reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 285;
11		and
12	g.	All other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper under
13		the circumstances.
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