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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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15 **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE**
COMMISSION,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 **THOMAS J. CASEY, DAN J.**
19 **COHRS, and JOSEPH P. PERRONE,**

20 Defendants.

Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES
LAWS**

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22 Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) alleges as
23 follows:

24 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

25 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections
26 21(d)(3)(A) and 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”),
27 15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(d)(3)(A) & 78aa. Defendants have, directly or indirectly, made
28 use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, of the mails, or of the
facilities of a national securities exchange in connection with the transactions,

1 acts, practices and courses of business alleged in this Complaint.

2 2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to Section 27 of the
3 Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, because certain of the transactions, acts,
4 practices and courses of conduct constituting violations of the federal securities
5 laws occurred within this district and because certain of the defendants reside
6 and/or transact business in this district.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 3. This case concerns the failure of Global Crossing Ltd. ("GX") and its
9 senior management to ensure that the company provided complete and accurate
10 disclosure to investors concerning certain significant transactions entered into by
11 the company in the first half of 2001. Because of GX's inadequate disclosure,
12 investors were not given the opportunity to fairly judge the quality of GX's
13 financial results and the likelihood that its past performance would be indicative of
14 its future performance. These significant transactions involved GX's sales of
15 telecommunications capacity to other carriers that were linked to, and in some
16 cases dependent on, its purchase of capacity from the same carrier. GX referred to
17 these transactions as "reciprocal transactions." In early 2001, GX was
18 increasingly reliant on the reciprocal transactions as a substantial source of GX's
19 announced "pro forma" results, i.e., results of operations that were prepared on a
20 basis defined by GX, and that were not in accordance with generally accepted
21 accounting principles ("GAAP"). For example, GX had a pro forma measurement
22 called "Cash Revenue" that GX defined as revenue calculated in accordance with
23 GAAP, plus the cash portion of the change in deferred revenue. Without these
24 reciprocal transactions, GX would not have met securities analysts' estimates for
25 its first and second quarter 2001 pro forma results.

26 4. In its quarterly filings with the Commission for the first and second
27 quarters of 2001, GX included the money it received from the reciprocal
28 transactions in its pro forma results, and it included the money it received and paid

1 in its statements of cash flows. Because GX included the cash it received from
2 reciprocal transactions in its pro forma results and its statements of cash flows, it
3 was required to disclose completely and accurately material information regarding
4 the reciprocal transactions and the effect of that information on the interpretation
5 of its financial results. While GX disclosed that (i) GX sold telecommunications
6 capacity to carriers from which GX also purchased capacity, (ii) the gross dollar
7 amounts of the sales and purchases of capacity, and (iii) that the cash derived
8 therefrom was a significant component of GX's pro forma results, GX's disclosure
9 was nevertheless inadequate.

10 5. Specifically, in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of
11 Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") portion of its first and
12 second quarter of 2001 Forms 10-Q, GX failed adequately to disclose:

- 13 - That the transactions were reciprocal in nature, i.e., that GX's sales
14 depended in whole or in part on GX's purchase from the same carrier;
- 15 - That GX's pro forma results were increasingly dependent on these
16 reciprocal transactions, and that, given market trends, GX likely
17 would not be able to sustain these results in the future;
- 18 - In presenting its statements of cash flows, that the reciprocal
19 transactions did not enhance GX's liquidity; and
- 20 - Material information concerning GX's purchase of capacity as part of
21 certain reciprocal transactions that affected GX's ability to integrate
22 the purchased capacity into the GX network, including that (1) GX
23 and certain contra parties still had to negotiate and agree upon
24 important additional issues, (2) GX purchased certain capacity that
25 would not be ready for service for a substantial time after the end of
26 the quarter, (3) in certain reciprocal transactions, GX had not
27 designated the specific capacity to be purchased, and (4) GX had
28 purchased certain capacity with the stated purpose of reselling the

1 capacity.

2 This information was material to investors because GX ultimately could not
3 sustain its heavy reliance on deriving cash revenue from the reciprocal
4 transactions, as these transactions did not enhance GX's liquidity and, ultimately,
5 GX could not fund the capital commitments required to integrate the purchased
6 capacity into its network and thereby derive future service revenues. Thus,
7 investors were denied material information not contained in its financial
8 statements but nonetheless necessary for a fair understanding of GX's financial
9 performance and condition in light of the circumstances, namely in light of the pro
10 forma financial information and the information reflected in its statements of cash
11 flows that GX disclosed.

12 6. GX's Chief Executive Officer, Thomas J. Casey, its Chief Financial
13 Officer, Dan J. Cohrs, and its Executive Vice President of Finance, Joseph P.
14 Perrone, knew material information regarding the reciprocal transactions and their
15 past and likely future effect on the company's financial condition and results of
16 operations. Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone reviewed and approved the MD&A portion
17 of GX's periodic reports, which failed to disclose this information. Although
18 GX's counsel, independent auditor, and audit committee chairman participated in
19 reviewing the MD&A, Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone each had particular knowledge
20 because of their respective positions that the reciprocal transactions would cause
21 GX's reported financial information not to be necessarily indicative of its future
22 operating results or financial condition.

23 7. As a result, Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone aided and abetted violations of
24 the reporting provisions of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20
25 and 13a-13 thereunder because GX's MD&A in its first and second quarters
26 Forms 10-Q contained inadequate disclosure regarding the reciprocal transactions.
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1 Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and trades on the Nasdaq Stock Market. GX's
2 common stock previously traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market from August 1998
3 through November 5, 2000, on the New York Stock Exchange from November 6,
4 2000 through January 28, 2002, and through the OTC Bulletin Board from January
5 29, 2002 through January 21, 2004. On January 28, 2002, GX and certain of its
6 affiliates filed bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code
7 and coordinated proceedings under Bermuda law. On December 26, 2002, the
8 bankruptcy court entered an order confirming a Joint Plan of Reorganization. On
9 December 9, 2003, GX emerged from bankruptcy.

10 BACKGROUND

11 GX's Business and Reciprocal Transactions

12 12. GX is a telecommunications company whose business plan, as it
13 evolved over time, was to construct and/or acquire a state-of-the-art global
14 fiber-optic network and to sell fiber optic capacity and telecommunications
15 services (collectively "capacity") on that network to other providers and users of
16 telecommunications services. GX sold this capacity through contracts in the form
17 of "Indefeasible Rights of Use," or "IRUs." An IRU is an irrevocable right to use
18 a specific amount of capacity for a specified time period. GX also purchased
19 specific capacity in the form of IRUs and used that capacity in part to extend and
20 enhance its network.

21 13. By early 2001, an increasing number of GX's carrier customers were
22 requesting that GX buy capacity from them, and it was becoming increasingly
23 difficult for GX to sell capacity to carrier customers unless, at the same time, GX
24 purchased a similar dollar amount of capacity from the same carrier. In other
25 words, GX's ability to sell capacity often became linked to, and in some cases
26 dependent on, GX's simultaneous purchase of a nearly equal dollar amount of
27 capacity. GX referred to the simultaneous purchase and sale of capacity with
28 other carriers as "reciprocal transactions."

1 14. The purchase and sale of capacity was documented through separate
2 and independent contracts. These contracts typically provided for the purchaser to
3 immediately pay the seller the full purchase price. Accordingly, except in two
4 instances, GX and the other carrier exchanged cash for the IRUs, even if the
5 amounts exchanged were the same or similar. The purchase and sale contracts did
6 not contain cross-default provisions; thus, they created independently enforceable
7 rights and liabilities as to each party.

8 **GX's Reporting of GAAP and Pro Forma Financial Information**

9 15. GX announced its operating results in periodic reports filed with the
10 Commission (as well as in earnings press releases disseminated to the public). In
11 Forms 10-Q and earnings releases for the first and second quarters of 2001, GX
12 reported financial information that it stated was prepared in accordance with
13 GAAP. The Forms 10-Q included GAAP balance sheets, statements of operations
14 (income statement), and statements of cash flows, while the earnings releases
15 included GAAP results of operations.

16 16. In addition to its GAAP financial statements, GX also reported "pro
17 forma" financial results. GX reported to the public two principal measurements of
18 its pro forma financial results - "Cash Revenue " and "Recurring Adjusted
19 Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization," also known as
20 "Recurring Adjusted EBITDA." GX stated in its Forms 10-Q and earnings
21 releases that Cash Revenue consisted of revenue calculated in accordance with
22 GAAP, plus the cash portion of the change in deferred revenue, and that Recurring
23 Adjusted EBITDA consisted of operating income or loss plus goodwill and
24 intangibles amortization, depreciation and amortization, non-cash cost of capacity
25 sold, stock related expense, merger-related expenses, certain other non-recurring
26 expenses, and the cash portion of the change in deferred revenue. Securities
27 analysts who covered GX analyzed the company's performance and established
28 target operating results based primarily on its Cash Revenue and Recurring

1 Adjusted EBITDA pro forma results.

2 17. The principal difference between GX's pro forma results of
3 operations (i.e., Cash Revenue and Recurring Adjusted EBITDA) and its GAAP
4 results of operations was that Cash Revenue and Recurring Adjusted EBITDA
5 included the entire amount of cash that GX had collected during the period from
6 GX's IRU sales to other carriers (i.e., the cash portion of the change in deferred
7 revenue). By comparison, GX's GAAP revenue did not include the entire amount
8 of cash that GX had collected during the period from IRU sales. Rather, GX
9 recorded a liability (deferred revenue) corresponding to the amount of cash
10 collected during the period from an IRU sale and recognized GAAP revenue
11 ratably over the term of the IRU (often in excess of 20 years) once the circuit was
12 activated. GX realized little to no GAAP net income from reciprocal transactions
13 because GX amortized revenues from IRU sales over many years, and because the
14 revenues recognized from reciprocal sales were in similar amounts to its
15 depreciation of expenses for IRU purchases over the term of the IRUs.

16 18. GX's Forms 10-Q also included statements of cash flows that it stated
17 were prepared in accordance with GAAP. In the statements of cash flows, GX
18 included the cash it received from the reciprocal transactions in its cash flows
19 from operating activities and the cash it expended in the reciprocal transactions in
20 its cash flows from investing activities.

21 **GX'S RECIPROCAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE**
22 **FIRST AND SECOND QUARTERS OF 2001**

23 19. GX's reciprocal transactions reached their peak in the first and
24 second quarters of 2001. In the first quarter of 2001, GX entered into 43 IRU
25 transactions in which GX sold capacity to other carriers. Nine of these
26 transactions were reciprocal transactions, and they accounted for \$375 million of
27 the \$567 million (or 66%) of the IRU sales included in Cash Revenue and
28 Recurring Adjusted EBITDA that GX reported in the quarter. Reciprocal

1 transactions accounted for 23% of Cash Revenue and 85% of Recurring Adjusted
2 EBITDA for the quarter. As part of these reciprocal transactions, GX committed
3 to make capital expenditures totaling \$625 million, purchasing \$383 million in
4 capacity from the other carriers in the first quarter and committing to spend in
5 future quarters another \$242 million to purchase additional new capacity from the
6 carriers and to possibly construct a new fiber optic system on which another
7 carrier had committed to purchase capacity. Without these reciprocal transactions,
8 GX would not have met securities analysts' estimates for Cash Revenue and
9 Recurring Adjusted EBITDA in the first quarter.

10 20. In the second quarter of 2001, GX entered into 45 IRU transactions in
11 which GX sold capacity to other carriers. Fourteen of these transactions were
12 reciprocal transactions, and they accounted for \$516 million of the \$567 million
13 (or 91%) of IRU sales for the quarter. Reciprocal transactions accounted for 32%
14 of Cash Revenue; without the reciprocal transactions, GX's Recurring Adjusted
15 EBITDA for the quarter would have gone from the reported \$472 million to a
16 negative \$43 million. As part of these reciprocal transactions, GX paid cash or
17 agreed to pay cash totaling \$437 million to purchase capacity from its carrier
18 customers in the second quarter. Without these reciprocal transactions, GX would
19 not have met securities analysts' estimates for Cash Revenue and Recurring
20 Adjusted EBITDA in the second quarter.

21 **THE PROCESS BY WHICH GX CAME TO DISCLOSE**

22 **THE RECIPROCAL TRANSACTIONS**

23 21. Because GX's reciprocal transactions had increased significantly in
24 the first quarter of 2001, Perrone came to the conclusion that separate disclosure
25 of the reciprocal transactions should be made. Various internal discussions among
26 GX management and the chairman of GX's audit committee ensued during March
27 2001. Eventually, at an audit committee meeting on April 11, 2001, GX
28 management (including Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone) reviewed the list of IRU

1 transactions provided to the committee and recommended that the reciprocal
2 transactions be separately disclosed, and the Chairman of the Board, the audit
3 committee, the in-house general counsel, and GX's independent auditor concurred.
4 The Chairman of the Board stated, and the audit committee concurred, that the
5 chairman of the audit committee should review and approve the disclosure. The
6 disclosure was also raised at a full Board meeting that same day, and the Board
7 also asked that the audit committee or its chairman review the disclosure.

8 22. Various GX employees participated in drafting the proposed
9 disclosure regarding the first quarter 2001 reciprocal transactions. In preparing
10 the disclosure, GX employees, including Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone, sought
11 review by GX's in-house counsel, GX's outside counsel, GX's independent
12 auditor, and the chairman of the audit committee, among others. None of those
13 consulted raised any objection to the proposed disclosure with Casey, Cohrs, or
14 Perrone, who thus relied on a process that had been established for the preparation
15 of the disclosure. This process was not repeated in preparing the second quarter
16 2001 disclosure, as the second quarter's disclosure essentially mirrored that of the
17 first quarter.

18 23. Eventually, Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone reviewed and approved the
19 disclosure for the first and second quarters of 2001. As discussed below, this
20 disclosure was inadequate in several important respects.

21 **GX'S DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE RECIPROCAL TRANSACTIONS**

22 **First Quarter 2001**

23 24. In a Form 10-Q filed on May 15, 2001 (as well as in an earnings
24 release issued on May 9, 2001, and a conference call with analysts and investors
25 on May 10, 2001), GX reported its first quarter 2001 financial results and made
26 various statements regarding GX's IRU sales and purchases.

27 25. GX stated in the Form 10-Q and the earnings release that its quarterly
28 Cash Revenue was \$1.613 billion, Recurring Adjusted EBITDA was \$441 million,

1 and Recurring Net Loss was \$608 million, or \$0.69 per share. These results
2 exceeded the securities analysts' consensus estimates. The earnings release
3 further reported that Recurring Adjusted EBITDA was up 43% and Cash Revenue
4 was up 39% from the first quarter of 2000.

5 26. In the footnotes to the financial statements in the Form 10-Q as well
6 as in the earnings release, GX further stated that the Cash Revenue and Recurring
7 Adjusted EBITDA amounts included \$375 million received from significant
8 carrier customers who signed contracts during the quarter to purchase \$500
9 million of capacity on GX's network and to whom GX "made substantial capital
10 commitments during the quarter."

11 27. In the MD&A portion of the Form 10-Q and in the earnings release,
12 GX stated that it had entered into several agreements with various carrier
13 customers for the purchase of capacity "in order to acquire cost-effective local
14 network expansions; to provide for cost-effective alternatives to new construction
15 in certain markets in which [GX] anticipates shortages of capacity; and to provide
16 additional levels of physical diversity in the network as [GX] implements its
17 global mesh architecture." The Form 10-Q and the earnings release further stated
18 that GX's capital commitments under these contracts totaled an estimated \$625
19 million.

20 28. In the statement of cash flows included in GX's Form 10-Q, GX
21 reported a positive \$21 million in net cash from operating activities, which
22 included an increase in cash from the sale of IRUs as compared to the first quarter
23 of 2000. With respect to cash flows from investing activities, GX reported
24 increases over the prior period in its purchases of property and equipment and net
25 cash used in investing activities primarily as a result of GX's continued expansion
26 of its network.

1 Second Quarter 2001

2 29. In a Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2001 (as well as in an earnings
3 release issued on August 1, 2001, and a conference call with analysts and investors
4 on August 2, 2001), GX reported its second quarter 2001 financial results and
5 made various statements regarding GX's IRU sales and purchases.

6 30. GX stated in the Form 10-Q and the earnings release that its quarterly
7 Cash Revenue was \$1.620 billion, Recurring Adjusted EBITDA was \$472 million,
8 and Recurring Net Loss was \$607 million, or \$0.69 per share. These results were
9 close to the analysts' consensus estimates of \$1.674 billion for Cash Revenue and
10 \$464 million for Recurring Adjusted EBITDA. The earnings release further
11 reported that Recurring Adjusted EBITDA was up 33% and Cash Revenue was up
12 26% from the second quarter of 2000.

13 31. The Form 10-Q and the earnings release further stated that Cash
14 Revenue and Recurring Adjusted EBITDA included \$345 million received from
15 significant carrier customers who signed contracts during the quarter to purchase
16 \$381 million of capacity on GX's network and to whom GX made substantial cash
17 commitments during the quarter.

18 32. Elsewhere in the disclosure, including in the MD&A portion of the
19 Form 10-Q, GX stated that it had entered into several agreements with various
20 carrier customers for the purchase of capacity. The Form 10-Q and the earnings
21 release again explained that GX entered into these contracts "in order to acquire
22 cost-effective local network expansions; to provide for cost-effective alternatives
23 to new construction in certain markets in which [GX] anticipates shortages of
24 capacity; and to provide additional levels of physical diversity in the network as
25 [GX] implements its global mesh architecture." The Form 10-Q and the earnings
26 release also stated that GX's cash commitments under these contracts totaled an
27 estimated \$358 million.

28 33. GX also reported in the Form 10-Q its statement of cash flows for the

1 six months ended June 30, 2001. GX reported a positive \$677 million in net cash
2 from operating activities, up from \$330 million for the same period in 2000, with
3 the increase “primarily due,” among other reasons, to “an increase in revenue from
4 [its] . . . carrier business[] resulting from . . . an increase in the number of capacity
5 agreements executed by [GX’s] carrier customers.” With respect to cash flows
6 from investing activities in the first and second quarters, GX reported that it had
7 increased its capital spending from the prior year to purchase capacity to build out
8 and complete its network.

9 34. In reporting the amounts received in reciprocal transactions, GX
10 excluded a reciprocal transaction with one carrier. GX included, however, this
11 transaction in its pro forma metrics, Cash Revenue and Recurring Adjusted
12 EBITDA. This reciprocal transaction related to an earlier IRU transaction
13 between GX and the other carrier. In the second quarter, however, GX and the
14 other carrier renegotiated the earlier transaction and entered into new reciprocal
15 agreements to purchase capacity, under which GX sold \$170 million in capacity to
16 the other carrier and committed to purchase \$79.2 million in capacity from that
17 carrier. Had GX included this transaction in its totals for reciprocal transactions,
18 the amount that GX received from significant carrier customers for capacity would
19 have been \$515 million (instead of \$345 million), a 49% increase, and the amount
20 that GX paid these carrier customers for capacity would have been \$436.9 million
21 (instead of \$358 million), a 22% increase.

22 **THE INADEQUATE DISCLOSURE**

23 35. GX’s first and second quarters Forms 10-Q were inadequate in
24 several respects.

25 **Reciprocal Nature of the Transactions and** 26 **GX’s Increasing Reliance on Them**

27 36. In its disclosures regarding IRUs, GX disclosed that it had sold
28 substantial amounts of capacity to customers to whom it had also made substantial

1 cash commitments. GX also disclosed the gross dollar amounts of these purchases
2 and sales. This disclosure, however, was inadequate. GX's disclosure failed to
3 state explicitly that these IRU transactions were reciprocal in nature, i.e., that
4 GX's IRU sale depended at least in part on GX's simultaneous purchase of a
5 similar dollar amount of capacity from the same carrier. As a result, investors
6 were not provided with the information necessary to adequately judge the quality
7 of GX's financial results. In addition, investors were not informed that GX's
8 future sales growth was limited by its ability to incur future capital expenditures.

9 37. Moreover, GX also did not specify that it was becoming increasingly
10 reliant on the reciprocal transactions as a source of Cash Revenue and Recurring
11 Adjusted EBITDA. In the first and second quarters of 2001, GX's Cash Revenue
12 and Recurring Adjusted EBITDA from reciprocal transactions increased
13 significantly from the corresponding periods of 2000.

14 **The Reciprocal Transactions' Effect on Liquidity**

15 38. One measure of a company's liquidity is its cash flows from operating
16 activities in its statements of cash flows. In its first and second quarters
17 Forms 10-Q, GX included the cash that it received from the reciprocal transactions
18 in the cash flows from operating activities and included the cash it spent in the
19 reciprocal transactions in its cash flows from investing activities. By presenting
20 the reciprocal transactions in the statements of cash flows in this manner and not
21 disclosing adequately the reciprocal nature of the transactions, GX failed to
22 disclose that the reciprocal transactions did not enhance its liquidity from
23 operating activities.

24 39. Specifically, GX disclosed in its statements of cash flows net cash
25 provided by operating activities of \$21 million for the first quarter and
26 \$677 million for the first and second quarters. GX, however, did not disclose
27 adequately in its MD&A that these amounts included as proceeds from reciprocal
28 transactions \$375 million in the first quarter and \$890 million in the first and

1 second quarters and that, without these reciprocal transactions, GX would have
2 had a negative cash flow from operating activities of \$354 million in the first
3 quarter and a positive cash flow from operating activities of only \$213 million in
4 the first and second quarters.

5 40. With respect to GX's cash flow from investing activities, GX reported
6 purchases of property and equipment of \$1.262 billion in the first quarter and
7 \$2.286 billion in the first and second quarters. GX, however, did not disclose
8 adequately in the statements of cash flows, or in the notes to the financial
9 statements, that these items included the amounts disclosed as the cash
10 commitments made in connection with reciprocal transactions (\$383 million (or
11 30% of the total) in the first quarter and \$819 million (or 35% of the total) in the
12 first and second quarters).

13 **Information Concerning the Purchased Capacity**

14 41. GX's disclosure regarding its purchases of capacity was also deficient
15 because it failed to disclose material information about those transactions. First,
16 in five reciprocal transactions, although GX had written arrangements which GX
17 regarded as binding with its contra parties, GX and the contra party still had to
18 negotiate and agree upon important additional operational or business issues,
19 including, in some cases, what capacity was to be exchanged between the parties
20 and when they were to do so.

21 42. Second, in eight reciprocal transactions, GX purchased capacity that
22 would not be ready for service until sometime after the end of the quarter, and in
23 some cases not for weeks, months or, occasionally, even a year or more, because
24 the capacity was not yet constructed, was still under construction (including in one
25 instance because the carrier was in severe financial difficulty and in danger of
26 declaring bankruptcy), required governmental approvals, and/or required
27 substantial future additional capital expenditures by GX.

28 43. Third, in four reciprocal transactions, GX had not designated the

1 specific capacity that it was purchasing at the time of the purchase. Rather, GX
2 entered into commitments to purchase capacity anywhere on the other carrier's
3 network, on certain segments of those networks, or for certain types of capacity,
4 the specifics of which GX would designate in the future. Under these transactions,
5 GX had substantial amounts of time to designate the actual capacity.

6 44. Finally, in five reciprocal transactions, GX purchased capacity in
7 which the stated purpose for the capacity was to resell it to other carriers. In some
8 of these reciprocal transactions, GX was, at the time of the purchase, negotiating
9 with other carriers to resell the capacity; however, GX never completed these
10 negotiations and did not resell any of this capacity.

11 45. GX did not disclose this information in its first and second quarter
12 2001 Forms 10-Q. This information was material to investors because it affected
13 GX's ability to integrate the purchased capacity into the GX network and thereby
14 derive future revenues. Moreover, GX failed to disclose to investors that, in light
15 of GX's increasing dependence on reciprocal transactions for the sale of IRUs, the
16 limitations on its ability to integrate its purchased capacity could adversely impact
17 its ability to sustain its increasing reliance on reciprocal IRU transactions.

18 **THE DEFENDANTS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE RECIPROCAL**
19 **TRANSACTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISCLOSURE**

20 46. Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone knew of GX's reciprocal transactions and
21 of the business purposes for the purchases and understood that in many instances
22 GX could not sell the capacity to the other carriers without also concurrently
23 purchasing capacity from the other carriers. Casey and Cohrs also knew that a
24 factor in determining whether to buy capacity from another carrier was the fact
25 that the other carrier was concurrently buying capacity from GX. Casey, Cohrs,
26 and Perrone were also aware of the amount of reciprocal transactions in the first
27 and second quarters, and that in most of the reciprocal transactions, the amount of
28 GX's sale was close to the amount of GX's purchase. Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone

1 knew that GX needed the reciprocal transactions to meet analysts' estimates in the
2 first and second quarters of 2001.

3 47. Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone also knew that in some of the reciprocal
4 transactions, GX had purchased capacity (1) that would not be ready for service
5 until substantially after the end of the quarter; (2) in the first quarter from another
6 carrier that then was in severe financial difficulty; and (3) that GX could designate
7 for use in the future. In addition, Perrone knew that in some of the reciprocal
8 transactions, although GX and the contra party had written arrangements that
9 Perrone regarded as binding, GX and the contra party had yet to negotiate and
10 agree upon important additional operational or business issues.

11 48. Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone reviewed and approved the disclosure
12 regarding the reciprocal transactions. Although they knew that GX's counsel, its
13 independent auditor, and its audit committee chairman had also participated in
14 reviewing the disclosure and had not expressed any objections to them or anyone
15 else at GX about the disclosure, they had an affirmative obligation to go beyond
16 the established procedures (including the legal and accounting advice they
17 received) to ensure the accuracy and completeness of GX's periodic reports.

18 **CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

19 **VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION PERIODIC REPORTING**

20 **REQUIREMENTS**

21 **Aiding and Abetting Violations of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act**
22 **and Rules 12b-20 and 13a-13 thereunder**
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24 49. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference ¶¶ 1 through
25 48 above.

26 50. GX violated Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20 and
27 13a-13 thereunder by filing with the Commission materially misleading quarterly
28 reports on Form 10-Q for the first and second quarters of 2001.

1 51. Defendants Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone, and each of them, knowingly
2 provided substantial assistance to GX's violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange
3 Act and Rules 12b-20 and 13a-13 thereunder.

4 52. By engaging in the conduct described above and pursuant to
5 Section 20(e) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78t(e), defendants Casey, Cohrs,
6 and Perrone aided and abetted GX's violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange
7 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(a), and Rules 12b-20 and 13a-13 thereunder,
8 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20 and 240.13a-13.

9 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

10 WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court:

11 **I.**

12 Issue final judgments ordering defendants Casey, Cohrs, and Perrone each
13 to pay a civil penalty under Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C.
14 § 78u(d)(3).


15 **II.**

16 Retain jurisdiction of this action in accordance with the principles of equity
17 and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in order to implement and carry out the
18 terms of all orders and decrees that may be entered, or to entertain any suitable
19 application or motion for additional relief within the jurisdiction of this Court.

20 **III.**

21 Grant such other and further relief as this Court may determine to be just
22 and necessary.

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