UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v.

1:20-mc-488

BENDIX HOME APPLIANCES, INC. and TELECOIN CORPORATION,
Defendants.

(Original Civil Action No. 39-247)

DECLARATION OF BARRY L. CREECH

- I, Barry L. Creech, do hereby declare and state as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice in the District of Columbia. I have been a trail attorney with the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice since 1990.
- 2. This Declaration is being submitted in support of the United States of America's Motion to Terminate A Legacy Antitrust Judgment in the above-captioned matter.
- 3. The statements made in this Declaration are based on the knowledge acquired by me in the performance of my official duties and in conjunction with factual research conducted by other attorneys and staff in the Antitrust Division.
- 4. In early 2018, the Department of Justice Antitrust Division implemented a program to review and, when appropriate, seek termination of older antitrust judgments in which parties were subjected to some type of affirmative obligation or express prohibition that did not have an expiration date. As part of this process, the Division researched the corporate status of entities subject to these older, legacy antitrust judgments.
- 5. For the judgment in this case, librarians of the Antitrust Division were instructed to research and confirm the corporate status of the two corporate defendants -- Bendix Home

Appliances, Inc. and Telecoin Corporation. The librarians searched the following public sources to determine corporate status:

- a. A search of the New York Department of State Division of Corporations database. If the final judgment (as submitted to this Court) or other web search (see below) suggested incorporation information for a defendant in another state, the librarians also checked that state for corporate status.
- A search of the Encyclopedia of Associations and IRS Tax Exempt
 Organization Search, where such organizations or associations were subject to a judgment.
- c. A search of web-based resources for the existence (or succession) of the entity. In addition to general web-based searches, the search included research in one or more of the following resources:
 - i. Lexis and/or Westlaw (news, company, and/or litigation search);
 - ii. historical newspapers from Newsbank, ProQuest, and/or Newspapers.com; and
 - iii. historical company directories held by the Antitrust Division Library.
- 6. Based on the information provided to me by the librarians, I believe that both corporate defendants are no longer in business. The obituary for the founder of Telecoin Corporation stated that Telecoin was dissolved in 1953. Bendix Home Appliances was subsequently sold to Avco Manufacturing and in 1956 resold to Philco, which itself was sold multiple times. Today, there is no evidence that Bendix is still sold as a brand of commercial washing machines.
 - 7. There are no individuals named as defendants to the judgment.

Having reviewed this Declaration, I declare, under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: November 24, 2020

Washington, D.C.

Barry L. Creech Trial Attorney

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