## **COMPETITIVE EFFECTS**

## A. Price Competition

18. The Acquisition likely will substantially lessen competition in the market for PCIe

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losing by introducing the multicast feature to its 2<sup>nd</sup> generation PCIe switches because it

- 44. The high cost of entry by new firms or expansion by the fringe competitors serves as another barrier to entry or expansion into the relevant product market. Entry with even a single PCIe switch would cost several million dollars. These costs constitute a significant barrier to entry in the context of a market with current sales of \$100 million dollars or less. Notably, PLX recognizes that the high cost of developing a PCIe switch is a barrier to entry. PLX's interim CEO detailed this barrier in an email to one of his salespeople, noting
- 45. The high cost of entry is magnified because an entrant would likely need to develop a