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Re: Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First

Communications, LLC for Approval of an Asset Transfer -

Docket No. 06-00300 - Data Request No. 2

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Enclosed please find an original, a duplicate and thirteen (13) copies of the responses of the Applicants to **Data Request No. 2** in the above-referenced docket. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return it in the envelope provided. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact Melissa Conway at (202) 342-8552.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Conwa

**Enclosures** 

cc: Jerry Kettles Carlos Black Application of Acceris Management and Acquisition, LLC and First Communications, LLC d/b/a First Communications of Ohio, LLC for Approval of an Asset Transfer **Docket No. 06-00300** 

1) Have the applicants filed a Domestic Section 214 application with the FCC for the transfer of assets of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC to First Communications, LLC d/b/a First Communications of Ohio, LLC? If so, provide the associated docket number.

Answer:

Yes. The applicants filed a joint domestic and international application on November 30, 2006. The domestic transfer, WC Docket No. 06-217, was granted January 14, 2007. The international transfer, ITC-ASG-20061130-00534, ITC-ASG-20061201-00542, ITC-ASG-20061201-00543, was granted January 16, 2007.

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2) Consistent with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d), provide a customer notification letter that meets the requirements of the above-referenced rule (see attachment). Specifically, provide a customer notification letter that informs customers that the acquiring telecommunications service provider agrees to provide affected customers a thirty (30) day written notice of any rate increases that may affect their service up to ninety (90) days from the date of the transfer of customers.

Answer:

The applicants filed the above-referenced notification letter that complies with the TRA rules as *Exhibit A* to the responses to Data Request No. 1, filed on December 27, 2006. For the TRA's convenience, the applicants are refiling the customer notification letter as *Exhibit A* hereto.

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# Exhibit A





#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

January 17, 2007

Dear

We are happy to share some exciting news about your telecorrimunications services. We are proud to announce that, beginning on or about March 1, 2007, your telecommunications services, formerly provided by Acceris Communications will be provided by First Communications.

## Who is First Communications?

First Communications is a full service, facilities-based telecommunications provider located in Northeast Ohio. First Communications serves more than 130,000 business and residential customers across the U.S. with the majority located in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. First Communications is a solid financial company with 23 straight quarters of profitable growth with a strong equity base, including a Fortune 100 company. For more information about First Communications, please visit the First Communications website www.firstcomm.com.

### What does this mean?

First Communications is purchasing the proprietary rights to many of Acceris Communications products, including long distance and circuits. The initial period of transition will involve your account migration to First Communications billing system. Therefore, once the migration is complete, First Communications will support your telecommunications needs.

### What happens to my services?

Your services will not be affected during this transition. In fact, from the first day of the transitional period you will experience a superior quality of service led by First Communications veteran staff of Client Care management. During this transition, there will be **NO** change to your rates, service options, or the way that you dial and **NO** interruption in service. Please, also be assured that the operations of Acceris Communications Network Operations Center (NOC) will remain fully functional during this period. Therefore, you will continue to be able to request changes to your service, submit trouble tickets and receive timely troubleshooting resolutions.

Any future changes in rates, terms and conditions of service will be done as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and your applicable state regulatory commission. In addition, First Communications will provide a 30-day notification for any pricing changes within 90 days of the acquisition.

## Will I be charged for this change?

Absolutely **NOT!** There will be no charge or fee as a result of this change to First Communications. Please contact First Communications if a charge does appear on your bill. The only difference that you will notice will be the name of your carrier and the look of your new monthly bill.

## When will this Change Occur?

No further action is required on your part. First Communications anticipates that the transfer will occur on or about March 1, 2007, provided that the necessary regulatory approvals have been

obtained. Beginning on or after that date, First Communications will be providing your service and Acceris Communications will no longer be your service provider. First Communications is confident that you will find that remaining with us is the smart choice to meet your telecommunications needs; however, First Communications realizes that you have a choice of service providers, and you may choose another carrier at any point, subject to any applicable termination provisions in your contract.

All subscribers receiving this notice, even those who had arranged preferred carrier freezes through their local service providers on the service(s) involved in the transfer, will be transferred to First Communications, unless they select a different carrier before the transfer date. Existing preferred carrier freezes on the service(s) involved in the transfer will be lifted. You must contact your new local service provider (First Communications or other local service provider that you choose) to arrange a new freeze to protect you from unauthorized carrier changes after the transfer.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to service needs, complaints or billing issues, you can also call First Communications at 1.800.274.1015 or prior to the transfer on or around March 1, 2007, call Acceris Communications at 1.800.569.8700, and a representative will assist you.

Welcome to First Communications and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ray Hexamer

Chief Executive Officer

First Communications

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Chief Executive Officer
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