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Chairman Sara Kyle  
c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

**Re: Joint Application Of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc., Ardmore  
Communications LLC and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc. Regarding  
Transfer of Control, Docket No. 09-00103**

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of Applicants' Supplemental Response to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's Data Request No. 2, Question 3. Applicants have also transmitted this submission electronically to the Authority. Please stamp a copy of this Response as "filed" and return it to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



R. Dale Grimes

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Mary Freeman (*w/o enclosure*)  
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**Docket 09-00103 Joint Application of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.,  
Ardmore Communications, LLC and Synergy Technology Partners, Inc.  
Regarding Transfers of Control**

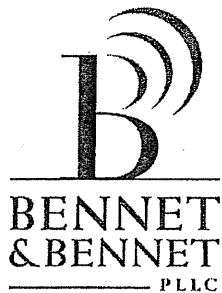
**Tennessee Regulatory Authority Data Request No. 2 to Applicants,  
dated September 11, 2009**

**Q3.** To the extent that that the merger of Ardmore and Ardmore Communications results in the customers of Ardmore Communications being served by Ardmore, provide a copy of the customer notification letter and other information necessary to comply with TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d).

**A:** Pursuant to FCC rules (Section 64.1120(e)), on August 21, 2009, Ardmore and Ardmore Communications issued the customer notification letter attached hereto as Exhibit 5. Pursuant to the Authority's power in TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(2), Applicants submit that the Authority should deem this customer notification letter as sufficient notice to satisfy TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)'s requirements such that Ardmore and Ardmore Communications will not be required to undertake the expense of issuing a second letter with the same content. Good cause exists for such determination because: 1) this letter satisfies TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(2) in that it describes the customer transfer and explains that unless the customer selects another telecommunications service provider, the customers' long distance service will be transferred to Ardmore by a specific date that is no less than 30 days from receipt of the letter; 2) this letter satisfies TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(3) because the letter specifically informs customers in bolded text that, "[t]here will be no customer charges associated with the merger and no change in current rates, terms or conditions of your service;" and 3) this letter satisfies TRA Rule 1220-4-2-

.56(2)(d)(4), because Ardmore specifically obligates itself, “[s]hould there be any changes to the rates, terms, and conditions in the future, Ardmore Telephone will notify you by mail or in your bill in accordance with applicable law,” which means that Ardmore agrees to provide all affected customers with a thirty (30) day written notice of any rate increase that may affect their service up to ninety (90) days from the date of the transfer of customers.

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE:** Please find attached the self-certificated letter Ardmore filed with the FCC in accordance with CC Docket No. 00-257, certifying that the customer transfer is in compliance with all FCC regulations governing such transactions, as required by TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(1).



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August 26, 2009

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.; Notification Pursuant to Rule  
Section 64.1120(e); CC Docket No. 00-257**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

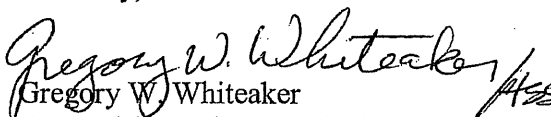
Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. ("Ardmore"), by its counsel and pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), hereby notifies the Commission of the pending merger of Ardmore Communications, LLC ("Ardmore Communications") and Ardmore. Specifically, Ardmore Communications will merge with and into Ardmore with Ardmore being the surviving company and Ardmore Communications ceasing to exist. As a result, Ardmore will become the provider of long distance services to subscribers previously served by Ardmore Communications. In accordance with Commission requirements, the following information is submitted herewith:

1. Assigning Carrier: Ardmore Communications, LLC;  
Acquiring Carrier: Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
2. Types of Services to be Provided: Intrastate, Interstate, and International long distance services
3. Expected Date of Transfer of Subscriber Base: September 30, 2009

Attached hereto is Ardmore's certification that it has complied with (1) the advance subscriber notification requirements of Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's Rules; (2) the obligations specified in the required notice; and (3) any other statutory and Commission requirements that apply. Also attached hereto is a copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers which was transmitted via U.S. mail on August 21, 2009.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

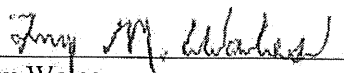
Sincerely,

  
Gregory W. Whiteaker  
Counsel for Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

## DECLARATION OF TERRY WALES

I, Terry Wales, General Manager and officer of Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. ("Ardmore Telephone"), hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing notification letter and the information contained therein is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge information and belief. I further certify under penalty of perjury that, with respect to the merger of Ardmore Telephone and Ardmore Communications, LLC, Ardmore Telephone has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance customer notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules, with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to the streamlined subscriber transfer process.

Dated: August 26, 2009

  
Terry Wales  
General Manager  
Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc



## IMPORTANT CHANGES INVOLVING YOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER

August 21, 2009

Dear Valued Customer,

We value your business and would like to update you on some important changes underway. Your current long distance provider, Ardmore Communications, LLC (Ardmore Communications), will be merging with Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc. (Ardmore Telephone). We have requested regulatory approval for the merger. Subject to obtaining the necessary approval, we anticipate that the merger will take place September 30, 2009. If the required approval is not obtained in September, however, then we anticipate that the merger will take place October 31, 2009.

**No action is necessary on your part. There will be no customer charges associated with the merger and no change in the current rates, terms or conditions of your service.** You will continue to receive and be billed for the services you have always enjoyed – only now instead of receiving local telephone service from Ardmore Telephone and long distance service from Ardmore Communications, you will receive both directly from Ardmore Telephone. A summary of the current rates, terms, and conditions is attached to this notice. Should there be any changes to the rates, terms, and conditions in the future, Ardmore Telephone will notify you by mail or in your bill in accordance with applicable law.

You always have the right to choose another provider for local and/or long distance service, either before or after the merger. You are a valued customer, however, and we sincerely hope you will remain with Ardmore Telephone.

Under Federal Communications Commission rules, any restrictions or "freezes" you may have placed on your account to block changes to your preferred long distance service provider will be automatically removed as part of the merger process (unless you select a different long distance service provider prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>). If you wish to reinstate such restrictions, please contact us after September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Both before and after the merger, Ardmore Telephone will handle and be responsible for all customer service inquiries, complaints, billing inquiries, and questions regarding this notice. You may contact us by dialing **611 from your home telephone number or 1-800-830-9946 toll free**. Ardmore Telephone is committed to providing you with excellent service.

Sincerely,

**Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.  
Ardmore Communications, LLC**



Ardmore Communications Long Distance Service

CANADA AND MEXICO ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE PLANS

Residential Unlimited Plan-\$39.95 monthly-1Plus-Direct Dial in USA.

(Voice calls only).

All data calls will be billed at \$.09 per minute. Available to residential customers only.

600 (minutes) Nationwide Plan-\$19.95 monthly-1Plus-Direct Dial calling in USA.

(Voice calls only).

All additional calls will be billed at \$.09 per minute.

All data calls will be billed at \$.09 per minute. Available to Residential or Business.

1200 (minutes) Nationwide Plan-\$34.95 monthly-1Plus-Direct Dial in USA.

(Voice calls only).

All additional calls will be billed at \$.09 per minute.

All data calls will be billed at \$.09 per minute. Available to Residential or Business.

\$.09 (per minute) Plan-No monthly fee-Direct dial to anytime anywhere in USA. Available to Residential or Business customers.

Calling card rates have a surcharge of \$.65 per call, plus \$.25 cents per minute.

Calls made from payphones will also include a \$.30 payphone surcharge.



**Federal Communications Commission**

**The FCC Acknowledges Receipt of Comments From ...  
Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.  
...and Thank You for Your Comments**

**Your Confirmation Number is: '2009826383679 '**

**Date Received:** Aug 26 2009

**Docket:** 00-257

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