



TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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June 28, 2013

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RE: Docket 13-00085: Joint Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South and Ernest Communications, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Assets and Customers of Ernest Communications, Inc. to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South

Dear Ms. Collins:


In order to review the above-referenced *Joint Application*, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") requires additional information. Please provide the information requested below by July 10, 2013, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 1 in the response.

1. Have the applicants made a similar filing with the FCC? If so, list any action taken and the associated docket number. If a schedule to complete the review of the filing has been established by the FCC, provide such with your response.
2. Provide a copy of the self-certification letter filed with the FCC in CC Docket No. 00-257 regarding customer transfers.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, I can be reached via phone at 615-741-2904, ext. 153 or by e-mail at jerry.kettles@tn.gov. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies either by U.S. Mail or express mail. Alternatively, you may send the original and four (4) copies along with an electronic file to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Kettles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry Kettles, Chief
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