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Via Federal Express

Ms. Sharla Dillon
Docket Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Docket No. 13-00085 -- Joint Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba 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. dba Birch Communications

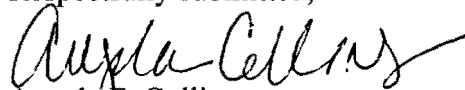
Dear Ms. Dillon:

On June 5, 2013, Birch Communications of the South, Inc. ("Birch") and Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest") (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application with Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for approval of the transfer of the assets and customers of Ernest to Birch (the "Transaction"). The Authority approved this Transaction on July 15, 2013. The Applicants hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on August 29, 2013.

As stated in the application, Ernest will make a subsequent filing to cancel Ernest's authorization to provide telecommunications services in Tennessee and any currently effective tariffs it may have on file. The contact person for any future correspondence with Ernest is Carey Roesel, Technologies Management, Inc., 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 300, Maitland, Florida 32751; (407) 740-8575 (telephone); (407) 740-0613 (facsimile); croesel@tminc.com.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed, postage-paid envelope. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Inc. dba Birch Communications of the South