March 10, 2016

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RE: Docket 16-00018: Joint Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications of the South and Primus Telecommunications, Inc. for Approval to Transfer Primus Customers to Birch

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 March 21, 2016, and refer to this correspondence as Data Request No. 1 in the response.

1. Provide and update on the filing the Applicants made with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). 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.

3. Provide a copy of the customer notification letter that includes language reflecting TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(4) that requires 30 day notice of any price increase that may impact the customer up to 90 days after the transfer and TRA Rule 1220-4-2-.56(2)(d)(3) indicating the Birch agrees to pay any fees associated with the proposed transfer.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, I can be reached via phone at 615-770-6894 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,

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