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March 18, 2019

Via Overnight Delivery & E-Mail

Chairman
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street
4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

19-00003

**RE: Birch Telecom of the South, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications of the South d/b/a Primus
Request for Company Name Change - Surety Bond
Company ID: 128567**

Chairman:

Please find enclosed the original and four (4) copies of the Tennessee Telecommunications Service Providers Surety Bond submitted on behalf of Birch Telecom of the South, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications of the South d/b/a Primus ("Company"). This bond is submitted in conjunction with the Company's request for approval of the Company name change to Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC filed with the Commission on January 7, 2019.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

cc: A. Collins – Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP (via Email)
tms: TN1901a
Enclosure
ST/sp

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

TENNESSEE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER'S SURETY BOND

Bond #: 810000961

WHEREAS, Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC (the "Principal"), has applied to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority for authority to provide telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated, as amended, the Principal is required to file this bond in order to obtain such authority and to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of the Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990 by or on behalf of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA"); and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company (the "Surety"), a corporation licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, has agreed to issue this bond in order to permit the Principal to comply with the provisions of Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j) of the Tennessee Code Annotated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that we the Principal and the Surety are held and firmly bound to the STATE OF TENNESSEE, in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 4, Section 125(j), in the full amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America to be used for the full and prompt payment of any monetary sanction imposed against the Principal, its representatives, successors or assigns, in any enforcement proceeding brought under Title 65 of Tennessee Code Annotated or the Consumer Telemarketing Act of 1990, by or on behalf of the TRA, for which obligation we bind ourselves, our representatives, successors and assigns, each jointly and severally, firmly and unequivocally by these presents.

This bond shall become effective on the 12th day of March, 2019, and shall be continuous; provided, however, that each annual renewal period or portion thereof shall constitute a new bond term. Regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative, and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits or actions under this bond shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The Surety may cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days written notice of such cancellation to the TRA and Principal by certified mail, it being understood that the Surety shall not be relieved of liability that may have accrued under this bond prior to the date of cancellation.

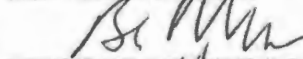
PRINCIPAL

Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC

Name of Company authorized by the TRA

Company ID # as assigned by TRA

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL



Name: Bill Morris

Title: CEO

SURETY

Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company

Name of Surety

605 Highway 169 North, Suite 800, Plymouth, MN 55441

Address of Surety

SIGNATURE OF SURETY AGENT



Name: Annette Wilson

Title: Attorney-in-fact

Address of Surety Agent:

3475 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30305

THIS BOND IS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 125, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 65 OF THE TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER NO. 586, 2000 PUBLIC ACTS. SHOULD THERE BE ANY CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF AND THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, THE STATUTE OR REGULATIONS SHALL PREVAIL. (POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM AN APPROVED INSURANCE COMPANY MUST BE ATTACHED.)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~
COUNTY OF Cobb Georgia

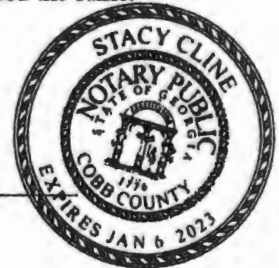
Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Bill Morris
with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the foregoing
bond on behalf of Lingo Telecom of the South LLC and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 15 day of March, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

1-6-23

Stacy Cline
Notary Public



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF ~~TENNESSEE~~ Georgia
COUNTY OF Fulton

Before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Annette Wilson
with whom I am personally acquainted and who, upon oath, acknowledged himself to be the individual who executed the
foregoing bond on behalf of Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, the within named Surety, a corporation licensed to do business in the
State of Tennessee and duly authorized by the Tennessee Commissioner of Insurance to engage in the surety business in this state
pursuant to Title 56, Chapter 2 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and that he as such an individual being authorized to do so,
executed the foregoing bond, by signing the name of the corporation by himself and as such individual.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 12th day of March, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

February 13, 2023

Joseph R Williams
Notary Public

Joseph R Williams



APPROVAL AND INDORSEMENT

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing bond and found the same to be sufficient and in conformity to law, that the
sureties on the same are good and worth the penalty thereof, and that the same has been filed with the Tennessee Regulatory
Authority, State of Tennessee, this _____ day of _____, _____.

Name:

Title:



Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York corporation with its principal office in Plymouth, Minnesota, does hereby constitute and appoint: **Tina H. Kennedy, Annette Wisong, Joseph R. Williams, Sarah Hancock, Steven L. Swords, Kathryn Wieland Allen, Desires Payne**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; provided that no bond or undertaking executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of: **sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000)** and the execution of such bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company as if they had been fully signed by an authorized officer of the Company and sealed with the Company seal. This Power of Attorney is made and executed by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the President, any Senior Vice President or Vice-President (each an "Authorized Officer") may execute for and in behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and affix the seal of the Company thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may appoint and authorize an Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any and all such instruments and to affix the Company seal thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may at any time remove any such Attorney-in-Fact and revoke all power and authority given to any such Attorney-in-Fact.

Resolved: That the Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority to execute for and in the name and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed and sealed by an Authorized Officer and, further, the Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the signature of an Authorized Officer, the signature of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, and the Company seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing an Attorney-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and sealing any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other written obligation in the nature thereof, and any such signature and seal where so used, being hereby adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by an Authorized Officer and the seal of the Company to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of October, 2017.

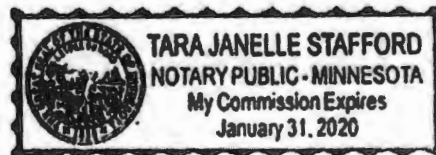


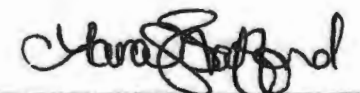
STATE OF MINNESOTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY

By


Paul J. Brehm, Senior Vice President

On this twenty-sixth day of October, 2017, before me personally came Paul J. Brehm, Senior Vice President of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, that he is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the seal of said Company and that the said seal and the signature as such officer was duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and at the direction of the Company.



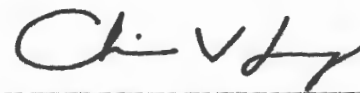

Notary Public

I, the undersigned, Secretary of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney is in full force and has not been revoked, and the resolutions set forth above are now in force.

Signed and sealed. Dated 15th day of March, 1917

This Power of Attorney expired
October 1, 2019




Christopher V. Jerry, Secretary