



**TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

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To: Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager

From: Jerry Kettles, Director, Economic Analysis

RE: Docket No: 20-00096 – Notification Regarding Internal Reorganization And Transfer of Customers From Lingo Telecom Of The South, LLC To Matrix Telecom, LLC.

The agency received a letter on August 4, 2020 that was assigned to TPUC Docket 20-00096. The letter describes an internal corporate reorganization where the customers of Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC (“Lingo South”) will be transferred to Matrix Telecom, LLC (“Matrix”).

Lingo South elected market regulation via a letter filed June 26, 2018 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 18-00069.<sup>1</sup> Matrix elected market regulation via a letter filed June 29, 2018 that was assigned to TPUC docket number 18-00070. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(n) provides a description of the regulatory requirements that apply to companies that elect Market Regulation. The transaction, as described, is governed by T.C.A. 65-4-112 which is not a regulatory requirement that applies to companies that have elected Market Regulation. From the description of the transaction, it also appears that TPUC Rule 1220-04-02-.56(2)(d)(2) concerning the transfer of a customer base is applicable to the transaction. TPUC Rule 1220-04-02-.56(2)(d)(2) is not a regulatory requirement that applies to companies that have elected Market Regulation. As such, the transaction described in the correspondence dated August 4, 2020 does not require approval. As no action is required by the agency, please close the above referenced docket.

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<sup>1</sup> Birch Telecom of the South, LLC elected market regulation in docket number 18-00069. Birch Telecom of the South, LLC changed its name to Lingo Telecom of the South as recorded in docket number 19-00003.