

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 8, 2021

IN RE:)	
)	DOCKET NO.
LINGO TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, LLC)	20-00134
CONSUMMATION OF TRANSFER OF)	
CUSTOMERS AND REQUEST FOR)	Cancellation Request Co. ID:
CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF)	128567
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	

**ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

This matter came before Chairman Kenneth C. Hill, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner John Hie, and Commissioner David F. Jones of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the “Commission” or “TPUC”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on September 20, 2021. Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC (“Lingo” or the “Company”) was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the Commission on July 20, 2000 in Docket No. 00-00341 in the name of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.¹

On December 9, 2020, the Commission received a request for cancellation of its certificate from Lingo. The Company provided a Notice of Consummation of Transfer of Customers, indicating all the customers of Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC had been

¹ In Docket No. 09-00030, the Company added the assumed name Birch Communications of the South. The Company added the assumed name Primus in Docket No. 16-00068. In Docket No. 18-00027, the Company converted to a limited liability company and its name was subsequently changed to Birch Telecom of the South, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications of the South d/b/a Primus. The Company changed its name to Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC in Docket No. 19-00003. The customers of Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC were transferred to Matrix Telecom, LLC in Docket No. 20-00096.

transferred to its affiliate, Matrix Telecom, LLC. The cancellation request asserted that the company has ceased operations in Tennessee and requested cancellation of its certificate of public convenience and necessity and any tariffs on file with the Commission. In response to a Commission inquiry, in an email dated March 9, 2021, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee confirmed that no services, resold lines, or facilities were being provided to Lingo. Therefore, as there are no customers being served, the cancellation of its certification will have no adverse consequences for consumers in Tennessee.

Based upon careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the Commissioners voted unanimously to grant the Company's request to cancel its authority.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Chairman Kenneth C. Hill,
Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard,
Commissioner Robin L. Morrison,
Commissioner John Hie, and
Commissioner David F. Jones concurring.**

None dissenting.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director