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**PUBLIC SERVICE
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Jeff R. Derouen
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602

**Re: Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southeast
and Ernest Communications, Inc. - Notification of Transfer of Customers
and Assets**

Dear Mr. Derouen:

On July 24, 2013, Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southeast ("Birch") and Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest") (collectively, "Parties") filed a Notification with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") of the transfer of the assets and customers of Ernest to Birch (the "Transaction"). The Parties hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on August 29, 2013.

As stated in the Notification, Ernest will make a subsequent filing to cancel Ernest's authorization to provide telecommunications services in Kentucky and any currently effective tariffs it may have on file. The contact person for any future correspondence with 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
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