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Ms. Barcy McNeal, Secretary of the Commission  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street  
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**Re: Case No. 13-1342-TP-ATR -- Joint Application of Ernest Communications, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications for Approval to Transfer Assets and Customers**

Dear Secretary McNeal:

On June 7, 2013, Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. ("Birch") and Ernest Communications, Inc. ("Ernest") (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for approval of the transfer of the assets and customers of Ernest to Birch (the "Transaction"). The Transaction was approved by operation of law on July 7, 2013. The Applicants hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on August 29, 2013.

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

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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