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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

via electronic filing

Re: Fusion Connect LLC and Birch Communications, LLC: Notice of Filing of Chapter 11 Reorganization (June 11, 2019) — Notice of Emergence from Chapter 11 Status

**19-2036-TP-CIO**; In the Matter of the Application of Fusion Connect LLC, DIP, Fusion Cloud Services, LLC, DIP, & Telecom Holdings, LLC regarding a transaction that will result in a material change to the ownership & control of authorized telecommunications carriers — **Notice of Consummation** 

## Dear Ms. Troupe:

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On June 11, 2019, Fusion Connect, Inc., Fusion LLC d/b/a Fusion Connect LLC and Birch Communications, LLC (n/k/a Fusion Cloud Services, LLC) (collectively, the "Fusion Entities") submitted the above-referenced notice to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") of their entry into Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.¹ Subsequently, on November 15, 2019, the Fusion Entities, in their debtor-in-possession status, and Telecom Holdings LLC (together, the "Parties"), filed the above-referenced notice of a reorganization transaction in which controlling interest in the Fusion Entities would be acquired by Telecom

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Letter of Winafred Brantl and Denise Smith, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, counsel for the Fusion Entities, to Ms. Marianne Townsend, Chief, Telecom & Technology Division (June 11, 2019).

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Holdings, LLC.<sup>2</sup> The Parties, by counsel, now submit this filing to notify the Commission that on January 14, 2020, the Fusion Entities emerged from Chapter 11 protection<sup>3</sup> and the Parties completed the transaction described in their November 2019 notice.

If there are any questions regarding this notice or the transaction generally, please contact the undersigned counsel for the Fusion Entities. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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This filing was submitted originally on August 9, 2019 as Case No. 19-1563-TP-ACO; however, legislative modifications to Ohio Revised Code § 4905.402 had eliminated the relevant approval requirement when a transaction is also being reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Pursuant to discussion with Staff, the initial filing was withdrawn on September 8, 2019 and was replaced with a Changes in Operations (CIO) submission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Effective with their emergence, the Fusion Entities are no longer debtors-in-possession.

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Summary: Notice on behalf of Fusion LLC d/b/a Fusion Connect LLC and Fusion Cloud Services, LLC of emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy and of consummation of a reorganization transaction. electronically filed by Ms. Winafred R Brantl on behalf of Fusion Connect LLC and Fusion Cloud Services, LLC