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This letter is to inform you that Birch Communications (Birch) has entered into an agreement whereby Birch subsidiaries will generally acquire from Navigator Telecommunications, LLC (Navigator), subject to regulatory approval, certain Navigator phone service accounts in the state of Ohio on or after October 22, 2008. As a result of this agreement, Birch will assume responsibility for all services previously provided to you by Navigator. Birch is excited about the opportunity to provide your phone service and looks forward to a long and successful business relationship.

Please rest assured, the transition will have little or no impact on your current services, nor will there be any interruption of your service. The agreement between Birch and Navigator has been structured so that the transfer of service will be an almost seamless transition with only a minor change to your voicemail service. You will retain your rates, features, terms and conditions of service and phone number. You will not incur any charges for the transfer of services to Birch, and little or no action is required from you regarding this changeover. You do have the right to select a different carrier for the telecommunication service(s) at issue. If you do not wish to receive service from Birch, you should select another carrier and contact that carrier directly to transfer your service by October 15, 2008. If you choose to seek an alternative carrier for services, you may incur a fee for transfer of services. In addition, should you have a term commitment with Navigator and you disconnect services prior to the end of that term, you will be liable for early termination charges. Please note that if you are a customer of Navigator on the date of the transfer, your account will automatically be transferred to Birch.

You will receive your first billing statement from Birch starting with your October or November bill. Any balances owed for services provided prior to your first bill from Birch will remain payable to Navigator. All terms, conditions, and pricing of your service will stay the same and will not be affected by the transaction.

Please note that any local service preferred carrier "freeze" you have placed on your existing telephone lines to prevent unauthorized transfer to another local carrier will be over-ridden for purposes of this transaction and will need to be reinstated by you after the transfer is complete.

If you have any questions or complaints about this transaction prior to October 22, 2008, you may contact Navigator Telecommunications, LLC at 877-628-0035. After October 22, 2008, you should contact Birch at 888-772-4724 for any questions pertaining to service and billing.

## **About Birch Communications**

Headquartered in Atlanta GA, Birch Communications is one of the largest competitive local exchange carriers in the 31-state southeast, southwest and midwest regions serving small and medium business customers. Birch was the first in its class to deploy its own private IP network utilizing soft switch technology to deliver innovative, high quality, affordable voice and broadband communications services to small and medium business customers.

Birch looks forward to continuing to provide you with quality service for many years to come.

Sincerely.

Navigator Telecommunications, LLC and Birch Communications