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## **Via Electronic Filing**

Ms. Barcy McNeal Secretary of the Commission Public Utilities Commission of Ohio **Docketing Division** 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

> Re: **Case No. 16-0349-TP-ATR**

Dear Secretary McNeal:

On February 19, 2016, Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications ("Birch") and Primus Telecommunications, Inc. ("Primus") filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission") in the abovereferenced case regarding the transfer of Primus' Ohio customer base to Birch (the "Transaction"). That Application was automatically approved March 22, 2016. The parties hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated for Ohio customers effective May 3, 2016.

Birch also notifies the Commission that Birch will utilize the new assumed or doing business as ("DBA") name of "Primus" in Ohio to serve the residential customers of Primus transferred to Birch. Birch will serve the business customers of Primus transferred to Birch under the existing DBA of "Birch Communications." The customer notices sent to Primus residential customers reflected the use of the "Primus" DBA. Birch will make any necessary filings to authorize the use of the DBA name under separate cover.

All Primus customers in Ohio have been transferred to Birch. Primus' authority to offer telecommunications services and any tariffs it has on file should now be cancelled. The contact person for any future correspondence with Primus is:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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