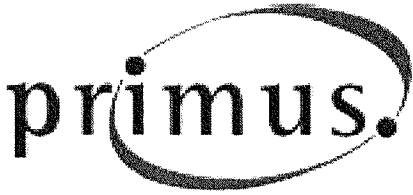


Exhibit A

Draft Customer Notice



IMPORTANT NOTICE
REGARDING A CHANGE IN YOUR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Dear _____

Birch Communications ("Birch") and Primus Telecommunications, Inc. ("Primus") are pleased to announce that Birch is acquiring Primus' local telephone and long distance telephone customers, as well as certain other customers receiving additional types of services from Primus. Subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission and state regulators as necessary, Birch will replace Primus as your current telecommunications service provider on or after **[30 DAYS AFTER LETTER DATE]**, 2016 (the "Transfer Date"). As a result of this transaction, Birch will assume responsibility for all wireline services previously provided to you by Primus. Birch is excited about the opportunity to provide your telecommunications service(s) and looks forward to a long and mutually rewarding 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 Primus has been structured so that the transfer of service will be virtually seamless, other than the possibility of a minor change to your voice mail service for which you will receive additional information.¹ There, however, may be other changes to your service plan based on Birch's unique billing systems (e.g., customers currently utilizing a message or measured local service plan may be switched to a flat rate plan). In those cases, Birch will transition you in a neutral manner **with no increase to your regular monthly recurring charges**. You will retain all other service rates, features, terms, and conditions of service and your telephone number. Birch will not impose any charges for the transfer of your services to Birch and **no action is required from you to continue your telecommunications service(s) with Birch**. You will receive your first billing statement from Birch starting with your **[MONTH]** 2016 or **[MONTH]** 2016 bill. As in the past, you are responsible for paying all bills rendered to you by Primus during the transition of service.²

You do have the right to select a different carrier for your telecommunications service(s). If you choose to switch to an alternate carrier for services, you may incur a fee from that alternate carrier for the transfer of services to that alternate carrier. If you select a local telephone service provider other than Birch, you should also contact your current long

¹ It will be necessary for you to reset your password and re-record your message greeting(s). Additionally, saved messages at the time of the transfer will no longer be retained. Birch will provide further details in a follow-up letter.

² Those customers interested in setting up online payments will be pleased to know Birch offers online payments and account updates.

distance provider to ensure that your current long distance plan is not changed. Please note that if you are a customer of Primus on the Transfer Date as set forth above, your account will automatically be transferred to Birch. In addition, should you have a term commitment with Primus and you disconnect or transfer services to another carrier prior to the end of that term, you will be liable to Birch for any applicable early termination charges, subject to applicable law. Please note that when your service is transferred to Birch, any preferred carrier "freeze" you have placed on your existing telephone lines to prevent unauthorized transfer of your services to another carrier will be over-ridden for purposes of this transaction and will need to be reinstated by you by contacting Birch after the transfer is complete.

If you have any questions regarding this transaction or questions about your service or billing prior to the Transfer Date set forth above, you should contact Primus at **1-888-877-4687** (residential customers) or **1-866-383-3360** (business customers).

If you have any questions regarding this transaction, or questions about your service or billing after the Transfer Date set forth above, you should contact Birch at **1-888-772-4724**.³

Primus thanks you for your business and Birch looks forward to providing you with quality service for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Primus Telecommunications, Inc. and
Birch Communications

³ **About Birch Communications** - Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, Birch Communications is one of the largest competitive local exchange carriers in its 50-state footprint, serving residential and 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- to large-sized business customers.