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December 28, 2007
Via Overnight

Ms. Beth Salak
Director of Competitive Markets & Enforcement
Florida Public Service Commission
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**RE: Notification of Change in Ownership
Access Integrated Networks, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Salak:

Attached please find the original and three (3) copies of a notification of Change in Ownership submitted on behalf of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. and Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. ("Birch - South"). The stock of Birch Telecom, Inc., Birch - South's ultimate parent, is being acquired by Access Integrated Networks, Inc. Birch - South will continue to operate as a separately certificated entity. Its parent company will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Access Integrated Networks, Inc. Details of this transaction are attached for the Commission's files. No changes to rates, terms or conditions of service are contemplated as a result of these transactions.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose. Any questions you may have regarding this filing may be directed to my attention at (407) 740-3004 or via e-mail at rnorton@tminc.com.

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Sincerely,

Robin Norton
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BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.

NOTICE OF OWNERSHIP CHANGE

Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. ("Birch – South") hereby provides notice of a transfer of equity interest transaction between their parent company, Birch Telecom, Inc. a Delaware corporation ("Birch" or "Seller"), and Access Integrated Networks, Inc. ("AIN" or "Buyer"), a Georgia corporation. Birch, through its twenty-eight direct and indirect subsidiaries, including Birch – South provides voice and data services to small and medium-sized business customers in twenty-six states. AIN is a telecommunications service provider certificated in eleven states, including Florida (Dockets 990666-TX and 990665-TI). AIN provides local and interexchange service to residential and small to medium sized business customers. Following the consummation of this transaction, Birch will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Buyer. Birch – South serves approximately 1000 access lines in Florida. Birch – South will continue to operate as a separate entity in Florida under Docket Nos. 000696-TX and 000741-TI with no change to its direct ownership.

I. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

On November 1, 2007, Buyer and Seller entered into a purchase agreement whereby AIN proposes to purchase all ownership interests in Birch in return for a cash payment. AIN is 100% owner of Access Merger which was organized for the purpose of merging with and into Birch. When the Transfer is consummated, Access Merger will merge out of existence and Birch will survive as a wholly owned subsidiary of AIN. Birch will continue to hold 100% of the equity, directly or indirectly, of each of its subsidiaries, including Birch – South with no change in management or corporate structure contemplated at this time. The transaction is expected to be completed in early February 2008.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

The name and address of the individual to contact regarding this filing is:

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The name and address of the individual who handles regulatory affairs on behalf of AIN is:

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III. CUSTOMER IMPACT

Birch – South will remain a separate certificated company in Florida. This transaction has no effect on customers' rates or terms and conditions of service.

IV. PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS

The transfer of control to AIN will serve the public interest. AIN's experience and success in the local and long distance residential and business services markets make it particularly well-qualified to expand its operations as contemplated by its acquisition of Birch. The transfer will be transparent to Birch – South's customers as there will be no change in direct ownership, rates or service.

Once completed, it is expected that the transaction will increase competitive choice for consumers by bringing together companies that possess singular experience and strategic vision in their respective regional U.S. markets. The local and interexchange residential and business markets are highly competitive, and numerous independent providers including AIN and Birch, compete against larger ILECs and RBOCs. In this respect, AIN's acquisition of and partnering with Birch will increase the ability of both companies to provide meaningful competition against larger providers through greater efficiencies and economies of scale. This increased competitive power in turn will give rise to better prices, higher service quality, and increased innovation.

ACCESS INTEGRATED NETWORKS, INC.

BIRCH TELECOM, INC.

Exhibit 1

PRESS RELEASE

Access Integrated Networks to Merge with Birch Telecom

Combined Company to have 300,000 Voice & Data lines, 100,000 Small & Medium Business Customers, \$200 million in Annual Revenues & 400 Employees

Atlanta, GA & Kansas City, MO – November 1, 2007 - Access Integrated Networks, Inc. announced today that it has signed a definitive agreement to merge with Birch Telecom, Inc. The transaction is expected to close early next year after obtaining necessary government approvals. The combination will yield one of the largest competitive local exchange carriers in its multi-state region. The combined company will have more than 300,000 voice and data lines, 100,000 small and medium business customers, annual revenue of \$200 million and 400 employees.

"We look forward to combining both the Birch customers and employees into our Access family in the very near future" said Vincent M. Oddo, President and CEO of Access. "This merger is directly in line with our corporate strategy and further positions Access to grow our facilities business deeper into our existing markets and expand into selected new markets in the southwest. Many of these Birch customers are located in our existing southeastern markets where Access already offers its state of the art IP-based voice and data services. This merger also expands Access' facility-based service footprint into four additional southwestern states including, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas," said Mr. Oddo.

During the past 10 years, both Access and Birch have each successfully focused on transitioning from their beginnings as unbundled network element platform providers to facility-based suppliers in their respective markets serving the small and medium size business community.

"In the past two years, Birch has significantly restructured itself into a profitable and debt free company," said Stephen Dubé, President and CEO of Birch. Mr. Dubé went on to say "Access has an ambitious growth and expansion plan. Joining with Access will contribute to the achievement of that plan and expand the services and choices available to Birch's customers. We believe this combination with Access is in the best interest of our customers, employees and shareholders."

The definitive agreement requires the approval of Birch's stockholders. Birch will shortly call a stockholders meeting to approve the transaction. A majority of Birch's stockholders have signed voting agreements in which they have agreed to vote in favor of the transaction.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed as both companies are privately held. However, the combination of the two companies is expected to generate substantial operating and network cost savings as more than one third of each company's revenues derive from overlapping geographic markets. Upon closing, Mr. Oddo will lead the combined company while Mr. Dubé will return to work as a principal at CXO L.L.C., a Dallas-based growth and management consulting firm. Redwood Capital Group acted as financial advisor to Access in connection with the transaction. FTI Capital Advisors advised Birch Telecom. The legal advisor for Birch on the transaction was Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. and for Access Integrated Networks was Jones Day.

About Access Integrated Networks

Access Integrated Networks Inc., headquartered in Atlanta GA, is the service provider of choice in over 1,000 communities in the southeast for a wide variety voice and data services. Access is the first in its class to deploy its own private IP network utilizing soft switch technology to deliver high quality, affordable communications services to small & medium business customers. Please visit www.accesscomm.com for more information.

About Birch Telecom

Targeting small- and mid-sized businesses, Birch Telecom serves customers in more than 161 metropolitan markets across 17 southwestern and southeastern states. Birch owns and operates an integrated voice and data network, and offers a broad portfolio of local, long distance and Internet services. Please visit www.birch.com for more information.