## **Description of Transaction**

On May 4, 2018, Fusion BCHI Acquisition LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Fusion Connect, Inc. ("Fusion Connect") merged (the "Merger") with and into Birch Communications Holdings, Inc. ("Birch Holdings"). In connection with, and as a condition to, that Merger transaction, Birch Holdings also completed an internal corporate restructuring pursuant to which some of the Birch Holdings subsidiaries were spun off to a newly formed Georgia limited liability company, Lingo Communications, LLC ("Lingo"). The Commission reviewed and granted approval for this Merger transaction in WC Docket 17-301 and IB File Nos. ITC-TC-20171031-00201 and ITC-TC-20171031-00202.<sup>1</sup>

Following the closing of the Merger, the majority interests in Fusion Connect were held ultimately by Holcombe T. Green, Jr., the controlling shareholder, and R. Kirby Godsey (together the "Birch Shareholders"). At closing, the Birch Shareholders' interests in Fusion Connect and its subsidiaries were held indirectly, through a holding company, BCHI Holdings, LLC ("BCHI").

Subsequent to the closing of the Merger, on May 23, 2018, the Birch Shareholders made a further change to their ownership of Fusion Connect, creating a new intermediary company through which to hold their interests in BCHI. GG Telecom Investors, LLC ("GGTI") is a Georgia limited liability company with its principal office at 3060 Peachtree Road, NW, Suite 1065, Atlanta, GA 30305. The interests in GGTI are held by the Birch Shareholders: Holcombe T. Green, Jr. (66.5%) and R. Kirby Godsey (33.5%). GGTI, in turn, now directly holds 69.9% of BCHI. The other 30.1% of BCHI is held by various trusts (for which Mr. Green and Mr. Godsey serve as trustees) and by several family members of Mr. Green and Mr. Godsey. For the Commission's convenience, an updated corporate organizational chart for Fusion Connect, reflecting the addition of GGTI, is provided as **Exhibit 1**.

A certification, as required pursuant to 47 C.F. R. § 63.24(f)(2)(ii), is appended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> International Authorizations Granted, Rpt. No. TEL-01883, DA No. 18-8, (Jan. 4, 2018); Notice of Domestic Section 214 Authorization Granted, WC Dkt. 17-301, DA No. 18-16 (Jan. 5, 2018).

#### Pursuant to 47 C.F. R. § 63.24(f)(2), Fusion Connect provides the following information:

(a) The name, address and telephone number of each applicant:

Fusion Connect, Inc. 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1718 New York, New York 10170 Tel: (212) 201-2425

- (b) Fusion Connect is a Delaware corporation.
- (c) Correspondence concerning this *pro forma* notice should be directed to:

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(d) Fusion Connect holds blanket domestic Section 214 authority and was granted international Section 214 authority pursuant to IB File No. ITC-214-19971001-00592. Pursuant to Section 63.21(h) of the Commission's Rules, Fusion operates through the following wholly-owned subsidiaries:<sup>2</sup>

Fusion, LLC Birch Communications, LLC<sup>3</sup> Birch Telecom of Kansas, LLC Birch Telecom of Missouri, LLC Birch Telecom of Oklahoma, LLC Birch Telecom of Texas Ltd., LLP Cbeyond Communications, LLC<sup>2</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Fusion Connect, Inc. - FCC File No. ITC-214-19971001-00592, Letter Pursuant to Section 63.21(h) (filed May 31, 2018); Fusion Connect, Inc. - FCC File No. ITC-214-19971001-00592, Letter Pursuant to Section 63.21(h) (filed June 1, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Birch Communications, LLC ("BCL") was granted international Section 214 authority in IB File No. ITC-214-19970926-00584. Cbeyond Communications, LLC ("Cbeyond") was granted international Section 214 authority in IB File No. ITC-214-20001016-00619. The addition of GG Telecom Investors, LLC revises their ownership as well; however, on June 4, 2018, BCL and Cbeyond filed to surrender their international Section 214 authorizations. See *Birch Communications, Inc. - ITC-214-19970926-00584, Surrender of International Section 214 Authorization; Cbeyond Communications, LLC - ITC-214-20001016-00619, Surrender of International Section 214 Authorization.* 

(h) Effective with the addition of the new holding company on May 23, 2018, the following individuals and entities held 10% or more of the direct or indirect interests in Fusion Connect:

BCHI Holdings, LLC
3060 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 1065
Atlanta, GA 30305
Citizenship: U.S.
Principal Business: Holding Company
Percentage Interest: 100% (Attribution, through 65% direct interest in Fusion Connect)

GG Telecom Investors, LLC 3060 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 1065 Atlanta, GA 30305 Citizenship: U.S. Principal Business: Holding Company Percentage Interest: 100% (Attribution, through 69.9% direct interest in BCHI)

Holcombe T. Green, Jr. 3060 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 1065 Atlanta, GA 30305 Citizenship: U.S. Principal Business: Entrepreneur Percentage Interest: 100% (Attribution, through 66.5% direct interest in GG Telecom Investors, LLC)

R. Kirby Godsey 3060 Peachtree St., NW, Suite 1065 Atlanta, GA 30305 Citizenship: U.S. Principal Business: Investor Percentage Interest: 33.5% (Attribution, through 33.5% direct interest in GG Telecom Investors, LLC)

No other entity or individual holds a 10% or greater direct or indirect equity or voting interest in Fusion Connect.

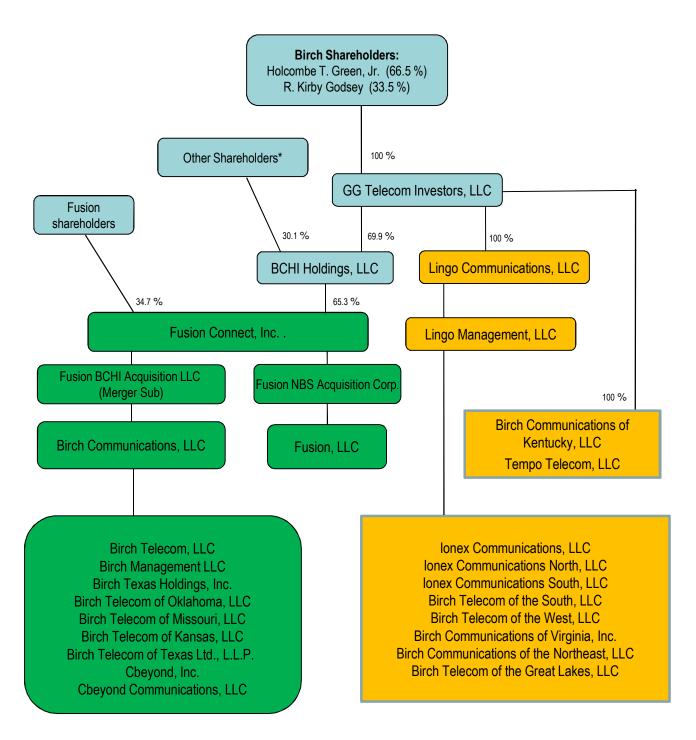
#### Interlocking Directorates

Fusion Connect's wholly-owned subsidiary, Primus Management ULC ("Primus"), is a British Columbia unlimited liability company authorized to provide local exchange, long distance, and Internet access services in Canada. As a result of the Merger transaction, changes are currently being made to the officers, directors and managers of Fusion Connect and Primus. Upon completion of the requisite corporate filings, the following individuals will serve in the identified positions for both Fusion Connect and Primus.

Name	<u>Title</u>
Matthew D. Rosen	Chief Executive Officer
Kevin Dotts*	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal
	Accounting Officer
Gordon Hutchins, Jr.	President
Russell Markman	Chief Operating Officer
James P. Prenetta, Jr.*	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary
Philip D. Turits	Corporate Secretary
Jan Sarro	Executive Vice President, Marketing and Product
Kevin Brand	Senior Vice President, Customer Support
Brian George	Senior Vice President, Engineering and Systems
Joe Haines	Senior Vice President, Operations
John Hendler	Senior Vice President, Sales
Kelly Beckner	Vice President, Human Resources and Administration
Brian Coyne	Vice President - Investor Relations and Financial Planning
Gina Kennedy	Vice President, Marketing
Keith Solden	Vice President, Finance
Kelli Pruet	Vice President, Tax
Pamela Hintz	Vice President, Regulatory
Doug Gillespie	Vice President, System Management
Tim Gallagher	Vice President, Network Engineering
Shane Smith	Vice President, Systems Engineering
Wendy Astudillo	Vice President, Service Delivery
Vicki Spehar	Vice President, Strategic Account Management
Brad Smith	Vice President, Channel Sales
Chuck Cuggino	Vice President, Contact Center Solutions
Paul Adkison	Vice President, Mobility Services
Jon Kaufman	Chief Strategy Officer

\* Mr. Dotts and Mr. Prenetta also will serve as Directors for Primus Management ULC.

# Post-Closing Organizational Chart for the Birch/Fusion and Lingo Companies (May 23, 2018)



\* 30.1% of BCHI Holdings is held by various trusts (for which Mr. Green and Mr. Godsey serve as trustees) and by several family members of Mr. Green and Mr. Godsey. None of these holdings is individually greater than 10%.

The chart does not include affiliated non-US entities All interests held at 100% except as noted.

### Certification

I hereby certify that I am Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Fusion Connect, Inc. and that I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of Fusion Connect, Inc.; further, with respect to the foregoing notification of a *pro forma* transaction, that the statements in the notification are true and correct to the best of my belief and are made in good faith; that the transaction was *pro forma* as described in Section 63.24(a) of the Commission's Rules; and that this transaction, together with all previous *pro forma* transactions, did not result in a change in ultimate control.

By: James P. Prenetta, Jr.

Executive Vice President and General Counsel Fusion Connect, Inc.

Date: June 2, 2018