



Access Integrated Networks Completes Merger with Birch Telecom

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Atlanta, GA & Kansas City, MO – February 20, 2008 – Access Integrated Networks, Inc. today announced that it has completed its merger with Birch Telecom, Inc. Vincent Oddo, CEO of Access, leads the combined company as President and CEO.

The company now operates as one of the largest competitive local exchange carriers in the 26-state southeast, southwest and midwest regions, and will have approximately 300,000 voice and data lines, 100,000 small and medium business customers, annual revenues of \$200 million and 400 employees.

“We are very excited to bring our two companies together” said Mr. Oddo “Now we can put our combined energies behind launching new products and services for our customers in all of our markets.”

Customers will not experience any changes to their existing service agreements as a result of this merger. In addition, customers will continue to receive the same quality customer care they have come to trust from a business focused on their individual needs.

Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed as both companies are privately held. The combined company will be headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

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 of voice and data services. Access was the first in its class to deploy its own private IP network utilizing soft switch technology to deliver innovative, 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 its southwestern and southeastern state regions. 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.

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