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Renee Jenkins  
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Detariffing Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, P.U.C.O No. 2  
Case No. 08-820-TP-ATA  
TRF# 90-9134-TP-TRF

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Please find enclosed ten (10) copies of sheet revisions as requested by Ohio Commission staff to the tariff filing for Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. Interexchange Access Services Tariff No. 2, case number 08-820-TP-ATA. This is in compliance with Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD.

With this filing, in accordance with Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD Birch Communications intends to detariff Interexchange Access Services Tariff No. 2.

With this filing you will find the original application, Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C. For Exhibit D - information that has been detariffed can be located at [www.birch.com](http://www.birch.com). For Exhibit E it should be noted that we will not be sending the Residential Customer Notice letter because we do not provide services to residential customers.

We request an effective date of July 1, 2008 and realize there may be requested changes from the commission.

If there are any questions associated with this filing, I can be reached at 816-300-1677 or by email at [tjackson@birch.com](mailto:tjackson@birch.com).

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Jackson".

Tara Jackson  
Sr. Manager, Legal and Regulatory

Enclosures

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Birch Communications. At your service.

**The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for**  
**DETARIFFING AND RELATED ACTIONS**

Per the Commission's 09/19/07 "Implementation Order" in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD  
(Effective: 10/01/2007 through 04/01/2008)

In the Matter of the Application of BIRCH )  
COMMUNICATIONS to DETARIFF TARIFF P.U.C.O NO. )  
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TRF Docket No. 90-9134-TP-TRF

Case No. 08 - 820 - TP - ATA

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to Detariff Certain Tier 2 Services and make other changes  
related to the Implementation of Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD

Name of Registrant(s) BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, INC.

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

Address of Registrant(s) 2300 MAIN ST. SUITE 2300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

Company Web Address WWW.BIRCH.COM

Regulatory Contact Person(s) TARA JACKSON

Phone 816-300-1677

Fax 816-300-3350

Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address TARA.JACKSON@BIRCH.COM

Contact Person for Annual Report ANGELA HOKE

Phone 816-300-1049

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Consumer Contact Information TARA JACKSON

Phone 816-300-1677

Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I – Tariffs**

Please indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

NOTE: All cases are ATA process cases, tariffs are effective the day they are filed, and remain in effect unless the Commission acts to suspend.

Carrier Type	<input type="checkbox"/> ILEC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEC	<input type="checkbox"/> CTS
Business Tier 2 Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential & Business Toll Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Changes required by Rule (Describe in detail in Exhibit C)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part II – Exhibits**

Note that the following exhibits are required for all filings using this form.

Included	Identified As:	Description of Required Exhibit:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit A	The existing affected tariff pages.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit B	The proposed revised tariff pages.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit C	Matrix or narrative summarizing all changes proposed in the application, and/or other information intended to assist Staff in the review of the Application.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit D	Explanation of how the Applicant intends to comply with Rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(3) regarding disclosure of rates, terms, and conditions for detariffed services, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>citation to the appropriate Web Page if any, in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(4), and/or</li> <li>copy of other materials and publications to be used to comply with 4901:1-6-05(G)(3).</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit E	One-time customer notice of detariffing and related changes consistent with rule 4901:1-06-16(B) , including where customers may find the information regarding such services as required by rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(3).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit F	Affidavit that the Customer Notice described in Exhibit C has been sent to Customers.

**Part III. – Attestation**

**Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.**

**AFFIDAVIT**

***Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards***

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Christopher J. Bunce, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-5 OAC for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 30, 2008

at 2300 Main St. Suite 600 Kansas City, MO 64108

\*(Signature and Title)



(Date)

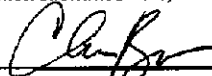
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- *This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.*

**VERIFICATION**

I, Christopher J. Bunce verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Application Form for Detariffing and Related Actions provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\*(Signature and Title)



(Date)

6/30/08

..\*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

***Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:***

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Attention: Docketing Division  
180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793**

***Or***

***Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR***

BIRCH TELECOM OF  
THE GREAT LAKES, INC.

Interexchange Services

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Exhibit A of Attachments  
Case No. 08-820-TP-ATA

Sheets:

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**TARIFF**  
**of**  
**BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, INC.**

This Tariff, filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, contains the rates, terms and conditions applicable to the provision of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Ohio by Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. This Tariff is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business located at:

*Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.*  
2300 Main St. Suite 600  
Kansas City, MO 64108

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Issue Date: August 8, 2007

Effective Date: August 10, 2007

Stephen Dubé, President

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.

In accordance with Case No. 07-902-TP-ZTA, issued August 8, 2007

BIRCH TELECOM OF  
THE GREAT LAKES, INC.

*Interexchange Services*

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Exhibit B – Revised Tariff Sheets

Exhibit C - Explanation

Case No. 08-820-TP-ATA

Sheet	Copy	Explanation
1	2nd Revised	Add text to detariff the IXC tariff

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Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.  
2300 Main St. Suite 600  
Kansas City, MO 64108

**Effective July 1, 2008 in accordance with Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD the terms and conditions governing Interexchange Telecommunications Services can be found at [www.birch.com](http://www.birch.com).**

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Issue Date: July 1, 2008

Effective Date: July 1, 2008

Christopher J. Bunce, Vice President Legal, and General Counsel  
Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.

In accordance with Case No. 08-820-TP-ATA, issued June 30, 2008

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