



April 11, 2012
Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Betty McCauley, Commission Secretary
Ohio Public Utilities Commission
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Birch Communications, Inc.
Commission's Entry of February 29, 2012, as subsequently amended
Case No. 10-2387-TP-COI

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Pursuant to the above-referenced Entry, Birch Communications, Inc. ("Birch") hereby submits its proposal for reducing intrastate switched access charges in compliance with the FCC ICC Reform Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011 and subsequent clarifications. Birch is electing to mirror interstate rates in a single step rather than use the phase-down approach allowed in the Order. (The intrastate Tandem Switching element is the only element that does not currently mirror interstate.)

<u>Element</u>		<u>Current Intrastate</u>		<u>Current Interstate</u>		<u>Proposed Intrastate</u>
Tandem Switching						
Zone 1	\$	0.001118	\$	0.001084	\$	0.001084
Zone 2	\$	0.001151	\$	0.001116	\$	0.001116
Zone 3	\$	0.001155	\$	0.001120	\$	0.001120
Zone 4	\$	0.001291	\$	0.001252	\$	0.001252
Zone 5	\$	0.001856	\$	0.001800	\$	0.001800

Birch will submit a tariff filing reflecting this change by May 1, 2012 for a July 1, 2012 effective date, unless the OH Commission or the FCC issue an intervening order that dictates a different schedule.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3006 or via email to croesel@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel
Consultant to Birch Communications, Inc.

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Summary: Correspondence Compliance with ICC Reform electronically filed by Mrs. Grace D Stanley on behalf of BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES INC DBA BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER LEGAL & REGULATORY and Mr.