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Via E-File

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case No. 13-0041-TP-ATR
Case No. 90-9134-TP-TRF (Birch)
Case No. 90-9189-TP-TRF (Covista)

To Whom It May Concern:

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications ("Birch"), by its attorneys, respectfully submits the attached Certificate of Good Standing and Certificate of Trade Name Renewal to be associated with the Application filed January 4, 2013 in the above-referenced cases.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela F. Collins
Counsel for Birch Telecom of the Great
Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications

Attachments

United States of America
State of Ohio
Office of the Secretary of State

I, Jon Husted, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having qualified to do business within the State of Ohio on October 08, 1999 under License No. 1117085 is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 28th day of January, A.D. 2013*

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jon Husted".

Ohio Secretary of State

Validation Number: V201328J5C996

STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

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TRADE NAME RENEWAL

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United States of America
State of Ohio
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus,
Ohio this 14th day of January, A.D.
2013.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Husted".

Ohio Secretary of State

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