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> April 13, 2018 Via Web Filing

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

RE: Application of Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications to Change

the Company Name to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications

Case No. 18-0619-TP-ACN

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Please accept this Application as notification that Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. ("Birch" or "Company") is changing the Company name to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications. Birch was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange services, Certificate Number 90-9134, issued pursuant to Case Numbers 00-1042-TP-ACE.

The Company has converted to a limited liability company and now operates under the name of Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications. Enclosed are copies of the documentation on file with the Ohio Secretary of State.

The change in corporate form will have no Customer impact as there will be no change in the name of the Customer's provider and no effect on the rates or services offered to Customers.

Enclosed are the revised Title Pages for P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 3 (Access) and P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 1 (Local)

The Company respectfully requests the Commission to change the Company's name in all Commission records to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications and an effective date of May 13, 2018.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Carey Roesel

Carey Roesel Consultant

Inteserra Consulting Group (formerly Technologies Management, Inc. (TMI))

tms: OHa1802

CR/cc

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 9-2-2015)

This form is intended to be used with most types of required filings. It provides check boxes with rule references for the most common types of filings. It does not replace or supersede Commission rules in any way.

In the Matter of the Application of to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc d/b/a Birch Communications to Change Company Company Name to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications TRF Docket No. 90-9 Case No. 18 -0619 NOTE: Unless you have re BLANK.	
Name of Registrant(s) Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.	
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) Birch Communications	
Address of Registrant(s) 320 Interstate North Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339	
Company Web Address www.birch.com	
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Sharyl Fowler, Manager - Regulatory Admn Phone 478-475-98	800 Fax 478-405-3112
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address sharyl.fowler@birch.com	
Contact Person for Annual Report Sharyl Fowler, Manager - Regulatory Admn	Phone 478-475-9800
Address (if different from above) 115 Gateway Drive, Macon, GA 31210	
Consumer Contact Information Angela Howard	Phone 816-300-1428
Address (if different from above) 2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 925, Kansas City, MO 64108	
Motion for protective order included with filing? Yes No Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? Yes No [Note: Waivers may toll any autor	matic timeframe.]
Notes:	

Section I and II are Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6 OAC.

Section III - Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to 4901:1-7 OAC, and Wireless is Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24 OAC.

Section IV - Attestation.

- (1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.
- (2) For requirements for various applications, see the identified section of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.
- (3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the Commission may be obtained from the Commission's web site at www.puco.ohio.gov under the docketing information system section, by calling the docketing division at 614-466-4095, or by visiting the docketing division at the offices of the Commission.
- (4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

All Filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits:

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s)
В	The Tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
С	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

Section I - Part I - Common Filings

Carrier Type Other (explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-6-14(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap.	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	☐ TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	☐ BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	☐ ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	☐ ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			☐ TRF <u>1-6-08(G)(0</u> day)
BLES withdrawal			☐ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
Other* (explain)			

Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-7 OAC

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
☐ 15-day Notice				
☐ 30-day Notice				
Date Notice Sent:				

Section I – Part III –IOS Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
□ IOS				

Section II - Part I - Carrier Certification - Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08, 09 & 10 OAC

Certification	ILEC (Out of territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local	CESTC	CETC
* See Supplemental form	ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	ACE <u>1-6-08</u> *(Auto 30 day)	☐ ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	□ UNC <u>1-6-09</u> *(Non-Auto)

^{*}Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the Commission Web Page.

Section II - Part II - Certificate Status & Procedural

Certificate Status	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local
Abandon all Services		☐ ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of Official Name *	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0 day Notice)
Change in Ownership *	ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u>	☐ ACO <u>1-6-29(E)</u>	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0 day Notice)
Merger *	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u>	AMT <u>1-6-29(E)</u>	CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0 day Notice)
Transfer a Certificate *	ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u>
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	(0 day Notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	☐ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u>	☐ CIO
	(Auto 30 days)	(Auto 30 days)	1-6-29(C) (0 day

^{*} Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC; ATR and CIO applications see the 4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements on the Commission's Web Page for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III - Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7), and Wireless (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement, or amendment to an approved agreement	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	□ NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	☐ ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs,	☐ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	☐ ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	UNC <u>1-7-04</u> or 05 (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights-of-Way.	ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 30 days)	
Wireless Providers See 4901:1-6-24	☐RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)	☐ NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)

/s/ Carey Roesel

Title

applicant.

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

AFFIDAVIT Compliance with Commission Rules I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications (Name) Please Check ALL that apply: [7] I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules 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 attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-7, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 13, 2018 at (Location) Maitland, FL 32751 (Date) *Signature and Date April 13, 2018 Title /s/ Carey Roesel Carey Roesel, Consultant to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC *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., verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for most proceedings 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

File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR

Carey Roesel, Consultant to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC
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Date April 13, 2018

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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

EXHIBITS TO APPLICATION OF

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications

Exhibit A Existing Access and Local Tariff Pages

Exhibit B Proposed Access and Local Tariff Pages

Exhibit C Description of Change and Customer Impact

Exhibit D Customer Notice

Exhibit E Secretary of State Documentation

EXHIBIT A-1

Existing Access Tariff Pages

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

TITLE PAGE

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF OF BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, INC. dba BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications. This tariff is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business at 2300 Main St. Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Issued: October 1, 2009 Effective: November 1, 2009

Case No.: 09-887-TP-ATA

Issued by: Christopher J. Bunce, Vice President Legal, and General Counsel

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications

2300 Main St. Suite 600 Kansas City, MO 64108

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

CHECK SHEET

Pages of this tariff, as indicated below, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective pages. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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5	Original	30	Original	55	Original	
6	Original	31	Original	56	Original	
7	Original	32	Original	57	1st Revised	*
8	Original	33	Original	58	1st Revised	*
9	Original	34	Original	59	3 rd Revised	*
10	Original	35	Original	60	1st Revised	*
11	Original	36	Original	61	1st Revised	*
12	Original	37	Original	62	Original	
13	Original	38	Original	63	Original	
14	Original	39	Original	64	Original	
15	Original	40	Original	65	Original	
16	Original	41	Original	66	Original	
17	Original	42	Original	67	Original	
18	Original	43	Original	68	Original	
19	Original	44	Original	69	Original	
20	Original	45	Original	70	Original	
21	Original	46	Original	71	Original	
22	Original	47	Original			
23	Original	48	Original			
24	Original	49	Original			
25	Original	50	Original			

^{* -} indicates those pages included with this filing

Issued: April 23, 2014

Case No.:

Issued by: Christopher J. Bunce, Sr. Vice President Legal and General Counsel

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications

2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 925

Kansas City, MO 64108

Effective: May 23, 2014

EXHIBIT A-2

Existing Local Tariff Pages

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications Local Exchange Services Tariff

This Tariff, filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, contains the terms and conditions applicable to local exchange telecommunication services in the State of Ohio by Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications (the "Company"). The Company provides exchange telecommunications services on resale and facilities-based bases. Copies of this Tariff may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business located at:

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications 2300 Main St. Suite 340 Kansas City, MO 64108

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Wherever in this Tariff or its headings, the term "Company" or the name Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc, "Birch Telecom" or "Birch" appears, that shall mean and shall refer to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications.

Issue Date: May 26, 2011

Effective Date: May 27, 2011

EXHIBIT B-1

Proposed Revised Access Tariff Pages

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

TITLE PAGE

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Kansas City, MO 64108.

Issued by: Gordon P. Williams, Jr. Senior Vice President & General Counsel

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2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 925 Kansas City, MO 64108

dba BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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6	Original		31	Original	56	Original
7	Original		32	Original	57	1st Revised
8	Original		33	Original	58	1st Revised
9	Original		34	Original	59	3 rd Revised
10	Original		35	Original	60	1st Revised
11	Original		36	Original	61	1st Revised
12	Original		37	Original	62	Original
13	Original		38	Original	63	Original
14	Original		39	Original	64	Original
15	Original		40	Original	65	Original
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EXHIBIT B-2

Proposed Revised Local Tariff Pages

BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC DBA BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

Local Exchange Services

Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 1
4th Revised Sheet No. 1
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Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC dba Birch Communications Local Exchange Services Tariff

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Issue Date: April 13, 2018 Effective Date: May 13, 2018

EXHIBIT C

Description of Change and Customer Impact

The Company has converted to a Limited Liability Company in all jurisdictions. The change in corporate form will have no Customer impact as there will be no change in the name of the Customer's provider and no effect on the rates or services offered to Customers.

EXHIBIT D

Customer Notice

The change in corporate form will be transparent to Customers. There will be no change in the name of the Customer's provider. Customers will continue to be billed in the name of Birch Communications.

EXHIBIT E

Ohio

Secretary of State Documentation

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DATE: 04/02/2018

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DESCRIPTION
CONVERSION WITHIN SOS RECORDS
(CVS)

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Receipt

This is not a bill. Please do not remit payment.

CT CORPORATION SYSTEM - PATRICK DUFFY 4400 EASTON COMMONS WAY SUITE 125 COLUMBUS, OH 43219

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 TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC

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

Document(s)

Document No(s):

CONVERSION WITHIN SOS RECORDS

201808902322

Effective Date: 03/20/2018

CHANGE BUSINESS TYPE FOR. PROFIT LIM. LIAB. CO.



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 2nd day of April, A.D. 2018.

Ohio Secretary of State

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