

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Birch |) | Case No.18-0619-TP-ACN |
| Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. d/b/a |) | 18-0655-TP-ACN |
| Birch Communications and Birch |) | 90-9134-TP-TRF |
| Communications, Inc. for Approval of a |) | 90-9432-TP-TRF |
| Name Change |) | |

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

On April 13, 2018, Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications (Birch Telecom) and Birch Communication, Inc. (Birch and collectively with Birch Telecom, Applicants) filed applications with the Commission proposing to revise its PUCO tariffs to reflect a name change. The Birch Telecom is proposing to change its name from Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC. d/b/a Birch Communications. Birch is proposing to change its name from Birch Communications, Inc. to BirchComm (Birch Communications, LLC). Pursuant to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) §4901:1-6-29, as adopted in Case No. 10-1010-TP-ORD, these are an Application to Change the Name of a LEC.

The Applicants are LECs and filed all the required forms and attachments. The Staff reviewed all documents and exhibits filed with this application. The Applicants' applications satisfied all requirements the set forth in the rule.

In conclusion, Staff finds the Applicants' applications does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable; therefore, Staff recommends that Applicants' Application to Change the Name of a LEC be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation electronically filed by Jason Well on behalf of PUCO Staff