

*The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio*  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM**  
(Effective: 10-11-2017)

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 Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC ) TRF Docket No. 90 - 9134-TP-TRF  
to Change Company Name to Lingo Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC ) Case No. 18 - 1801 - **TP - ACN**  
) **NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave the**  
) **"Case No" fields BLANK.**

Name of Registrant(s) Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC  
DBA(s) of Registrant(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Registrant(s) 5607 Glenridge Drive NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30342  
Company Web Address www.lingo.com  
Regulatory Contact Person(s) Angela Howard, Paralegal Resp. Specialist Phone 470-401-0324 Fax 620-412-8059  
Regulatory Contact Person's Email Address angela.howard@lingo.com  
Contact Person for Annual Report Angela Howard, Paralegal Response Specialist Phone 470-401-0324  
Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Consumer Contact Information Angela Howard, Paralegal Response Specialist Phone 470-401-0324  
Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

**Notes:**

Section I and II are Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-6.

Section III – Carrier to Carrier is Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-7, and Wireless is Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-24.

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 Adm.Code Chapter 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the PUCO may be obtained from the PUCO's website at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://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 PUCO.

(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).
B	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not For Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge, or fee to BLES			<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day Notice)
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day Notice)	
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(F)(4)</u> (0 day Notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(G)</u> (0 day Notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(G)</u> (0 day)
BLES withdrawal			<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day Notice)
<b>Other*</b> (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
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date Notice Sent:</b> 11-1-18				

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

IOS	Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> IOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30- day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> * (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-10</u> (Auto 30 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-6-09</u> * (Non-Auto)

\*Supplemental Certification forms can be found on the PUCO webpage.

## Section II – Part II – Certificate Status & Procedural

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

\* **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 PUCO's webpage 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	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 day)
Request for Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change c-t-c service tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Non-Auto)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to Pole Attachment, Conduit Occupancy and Rights- of-Way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 60 days)	
<b>Wireless Providers</b> See <u>4901:1-6-24</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC [Registration & Change in Operations] (0 day)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG [Interconnection Agreement or Amendment] (Auto 90 days)

#### Section IV. – Attestation

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.  
Angela Collins for Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC  
(Name)

Please check ALL that apply:

☒ 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 Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) 12/4/18 at (Location) Washington, DC

\*Signature and Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 12/4/18  
Angela Collins, Counsel

*\*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 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date 12/4/18  
Angela Collins, Counsel

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

*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**

<b>EXHIBIT A</b>	Existing Access and Local Tariff Pages
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**EXHIBIT A-1**  
Existing Access Tariff Pages

**BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC**  
**dba BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS**

P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 3  
1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 1  
Cancels Original Sheet 1

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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TITLE PAGE

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF  
OF  
**BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC**  
**dba BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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Issued by: Gordon P. Williams, Jr. Senior Vice President & General Counsel  
Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC dba Birch Communications  
2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 925  
Kansas City, MO 64108

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**ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF**

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**CHECK SHEET**

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**EXHIBIT A-2**  
Existing Local Tariff Pages

BIRCH TELECOM OF  
THE GREAT LAKES, LLC  
DBA BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

Local Exchange Services

Tariff P.U.C.O. No. 1  
4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1  
Cancels 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC dba Birch Communications  
2323 Grand Blvd., Suite 925  
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, LLC "Birch Telecom" or "Birch" appears, that shall mean and shall refer to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC dba Birch Communications.

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Issue Date: April 13, 2018  
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**EXHIBIT B-1**

Proposed Revised Access Tariff Pages

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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TITLE PAGE

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF  
OF  
**LINGO TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC** (T)

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Issued: December 4, 2018

Effective: January 3, 2019

Case No.:

Issued by: Michelle Ansley, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lingo Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC  
115 Gateway Drive  
Macon, Georgia 31210

## ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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Issued by: Michelle Ansley, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lingo Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC  
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**EXHIBIT B-2**

Proposed Revised Local Tariff Pages

**Lingo Telecom of the Great Lakes, LLC**

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**EXHIBIT C**  
Description of Change and Customer Impact

The Company is providing notice of its name change to Ohio customers via bill inserts in the November 2018 and December 2018 invoices. Invoices will be issued under the “Lingo” brand beginning January 1, 2019. Following its change in corporate name, the Company will continue to provide telecommunications services to its Ohio customers without interruption or change, and with the same technical, financial and managerial qualifications. The change in corporate name will have no effect on the rates, terms, or conditions of service offered to customers in Ohio.



**EXHIBIT D**  
Customer Notice

**Notices:**

We are pleased to announce that Birch is changing its name to Lingo Communications, and will operate under the "Lingo" brand going forward. Starting January 1, 2019, you will see the "Lingo" name on your monthly invoices and other correspondence from us. This change will have no effect on your current services, and no action is required by you. We thank you for your continued business and look forward to continuing to provide you with quality service for many years to come. Please contact Customer Care if you have additional questions or concerns.

**EXHIBIT E**  
Secretary of State Documentation



DATE	DOCUMENT ID	DESCRIPTION	FILING	EXPED	CERT	COPY
11/15/2018	201831802162	FOREIGN LLC - REGISTRATION CORRECTION (LFC)	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Receipt**

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

ANGELA COLLINS  
1990 K STREET, NW SUITE 950  
WASHINGTON, DC 20006

**STATE OF OHIO  
CERTIFICATE**

**Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted**  
**1117085**

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

**LINGO TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, LLC**

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

Document(s)

**FOREIGN LLC - REGISTRATION CORRECTION**

Effective Date: 11/13/2018

Document No(s):

**201831802162**



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  
15th day of November, A.D. 2018.

*Jon Husted*

**Ohio Secretary of State**

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