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Ms. Irene Kim Asbury, Secretary of the Board
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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RE: Birch Communications, Inc.
Revision for NJBPU Tariff No. 2 (Access)

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Dear Ms. Asbury:

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Enclosed for filing please find the original and four (4) copies of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. ("Company"). This filing revises composite terminating switched access rates to implement the sixth phase of intercarrier compensation transition in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90, *et. al.*, FCC No. 11-161. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of July 29, 2017.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

9 th Revised Sheet 2	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Sheet 51	Adds Text Regarding 3 rd Party and End Office Rates
9 th Revised Sheet 56	Reduces Composite Terminating Switched Access Rates

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

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,

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

CHECK SHEET

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)

5.2 Rate Categories

There are three rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- End Office Switching (Includes Common Line and Switched Transport)
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service
- Optional Features

5.2.1 Common Line

The Common Line rate category establishes the charges related to the use of Company-provided end user common lines by customers and end users for intrastate access.

5.2.2 Switched Transport

The Switched Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications. The Switched Transport component also includes transport between an end office which serves as host for a remote switching system or module (RSS or RSM) and the RSS or RSM.

The terminating switched transport rate schedules are bifurcated into "3rd Party" and "End Office" rates. The Company bills the End Office terminating switched transport rates, in accordance with Federal Communications Commission Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g), for "terminating traffic traversing a tandem switch that the terminating carrier or its affiliates owns." All other terminating switched transport traffic is billed the 3rd Party terminating switched transport rates. (N)

5.2.3 End Office Switching

The End Office Switching rate category establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)

5.4 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd)

5.4.3 End Office Switching

A. Local Switching

	<u>Direct-Trunked</u>	<u>Tandem-Routed</u>	
Service Provided via Commercial Agreement			
Originating, per Minute	\$0.006164	\$0.006164	
Terminating, per Minute			(C)
3 rd Party	\$0.00000000 R	\$0.00159800 R	
End Office	\$0.00000000 R	\$0.00070000 R	(C)
Service Provided via Company Facilities			
Originating, per Minute	\$0.006164	\$0.006164	
Terminating, per Minute			(C)
3 rd Party	N/A	\$0.0000240 R	
End Office	N/A	\$0.0000000 R	(C)

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