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Via Overnight Delivery

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.  
NJBPU Tariff No. 2  
Docket No. TT-17070772**

Dear Ms. Asbury:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and four (4) copies of the above referenced access tariff replacement pages submitted on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. per Staff's request. The enclosed pages reflect Staff's requested change of effective date from July 29, 2017 to July 1, 2017.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

9 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 2	Revises effective date
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 51	Revises effective date
9 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 56	Revises effective date

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

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel  
Consultant to Birch Communications, Inc.

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Enclosures  
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 ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF
 

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**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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1	Original		26	Original		51	1 <sup>st</sup> Rev. *
2	9 <sup>th</sup> Rev.	*	27	Original		52	Original
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5	Original		30	Original		55	Original
6	Original		31	Original		56	9 <sup>th</sup> Rev. *
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Birch Communications, Inc.  
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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 "3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Party	N/A	\$0.0000240 R	
End Office	N/A	\$0.00000000 R	(C)

\* All terminating FG Access will be assessed switched access charges at the rates set forth in the Company's Federal Access Tariff, FCC Tariff No. 1, as amended from time to time. The current rates are as shown above.

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