



May 30, 2012
Via Web Filing

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr.
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Birch Communications, Inc.
South Carolina Tariff No. 8 - Access Tariff Revision

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find the original of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Birch Communications, Inc. In compliance with the FCC ICC Reform Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011, this filing makes the required access rate reductions. Supporting documentation is attached. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of July 3, 2012.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

5 th Revised Sheet 2	Updates Check Sheet
4 th Revised Sheet 3	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Sheet 56	Reduces local switching terminating 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,

Carey Roesel
Consultant to Birch Communications, Inc.

cc: Chris Bunce - Birch
C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director
file: Birch - SC Access
tms: SCa1201

Enclosures
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Birch Local Switching Terminating Access Rates

	IAS Rates (12/29/11)		IES Rates		Revised IAS Rates
Term Tandem	\$ 0.03900000	\$	0.00580000	\$	0.02240000
Term Direct	\$ 0.03900000	\$	0.00299400	\$	0.02099700

CHECK SHEET

Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets 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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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)

5.4 Rates and Charges, (cont'd)

5.4.3 End Office Switching

A. Local Switching, per Minute

1.	Originating, per Minute	\$0.0290	
2.	Terminating, per Minute		(C)
	Tandem-Routed	\$0.02240000 (R)	
	Direct-Trunked	\$0.02099700 (R)	(C)

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