



July 14, 2016  
Via Overnight Delivery

Ms. Lisa Cleveland, Tariff Administrator  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
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Concord, NH 03301-2429

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**RE: Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications  
Revision for New Hampshire PUC Price List  
Docket No. DT 16-645 - Phase 5 ICC Access Reform**

Dear Ms. Cleveland:

Enclosed for filing are the original and two (2) copies of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications ("Company"). This filing revises composite terminating switched access rates to implement the fifth 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. Terminating access rates are being filed at parity with terminating interstate access rates that will be implemented with a revision to the Company's interstate access tariff, Tariff FCC No. 1, effective July 30, 2016. Tariff FCC No. 1 can be viewed at: <https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/lecTariffs.action?idLec=444>. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of July 30, 2016.

The following tariff page is included:

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 14      Revises 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](mailto:croesel@tminc.com). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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