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Docket Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Petition to change name

To Whom It May Concern::

With this letter, Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. is requesting the name change from Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Telecom dba Birch to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Telecom dba Birch dba Birch Communications.

Additionally, we have enclosed is the original Surety Bond as requested by Ms. Fulton to continue processing this change.

We continue to request an effective date of April 24, 2008.

Please call me at 816-300-1677 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Yours very truly,

Tara Jackson
Sr. Manager, Legal and Regulatory

Enclosures

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UTILITIES DIVISION



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Attached to and forming part of Bond # 83BSBDB1967 ,
on behalf of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications
of 2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108
in favor of STATE OF TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
and in the amount of Twenty Thousand \$20,000 Dollars.

It is understood and agreed that effective March 17, 2008

The Principal's Name shall be changed
from Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.

to Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Telecom dba Birch dba Birch
Communications

All other conditions and terms remain as originally written.

Signed, Sealed, and Dated

April, 4th

2008

Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By:

Patricia M. Doyle, Attorney-in-Fact

The above endorsement is hereby agreed to and accepted:

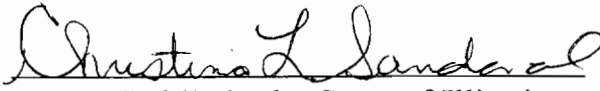
By: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SURETY

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

On this 4th of April, 2008, before me, Christina L. Sandoval, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State, personally appeared Patricia M. Doyle to me personally known to be the Attorney-in-Fact of and for Hartford Fire Insurance Company and acknowledged that she executed the said instrument as the free act and deed of said Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.


Notary Public in the State of Illinois
County of Cook



POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

THE HARTFORD

BOND, T-4

P.O. BOX 2103, 690 ASYLUM AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115

call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835)

Agency Code: 83 511334

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

- ☒ **Hartford Fire Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
☐ **Hartford Casualty Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
☐ **Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
☐ **Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
☐ **Twin City Fire Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
☐ **Hartford Insurance Company of Illinois**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois
☐ **Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
☐ **Hartford Insurance Company of the Southeast**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of UNLIMITED** :

MARCIA K. CESAFSKY, THOMAS J. JOSLIN, PATRICIA M. DOYLE, JENNIFER L. JAKAITIS,
SANDRA M. NOWAK, CHRISTOPHER P. TROHA OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by ☒, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on January 22, 2004, the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



Paul A. Bergenholz

Paul A. Bergenholz, Assistant Secretary

M. Ross Fisher

M. Ross Fisher, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

ss.

Hartford

On this 1st day of February, 2004, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

Scott F. Paseka

Scott F. Paseka
Notary Public

My Commission Expires October 31, 2012

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of April 4, 2008

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



Gary W. Stumper

Gary W. Stumper, Assistant Vice President