

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	April 27, 2009)	
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PETITION OF BIRCH TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC.)	
D/B/A BIRCH TELECOM, BIRCH AND BIRCH)	DOCKET NO.
COMMUNICATIONS TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO BIRCH)	09-00030
TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, INC. D/B/A BIRCH)	
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH)	

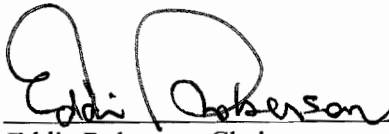
ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE

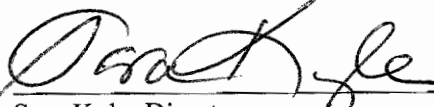
This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle, and Director Mary W. Freeman of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 30, 2009, upon the petition of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. d/b/a Birch Telecom, Birch and Birch Communications ("Birch" or "Company") to change its name.

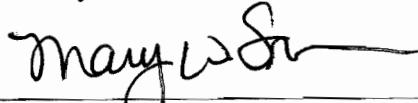
The Authority granted Birch a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange, exchange access and interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee in Docket No. 00-00341 by an Order dated July 20, 2000. On January 23, 2001, in Docket No. 00-01143, the Authority approved the addition of two assumed names for Birch: Birch Telecom and Birch. A transfer of authority from Birch to Access Integrated Networks, Inc. was approved at the January 14, 2008 Authority Conference. The addition of a third assumed name, Birch Communications, was approved by the Authority on May 5, 2008. On February 24, 2009, Birch filed a Petition requesting a name change to add the assumed name Birch Communications of the South.

Based upon careful consideration of the record in this matter and upon a finding that the Company has satisfied the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-1-.08, the panel unanimously voted to approve the name change.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Eddie Roberson, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director
