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RE: Docket No. 13-00152: Application Of Birch Telecom Of The South, Inc. D/B/A Birch Communications Of The South And Birch Communications, Inc. For Approval Of Financing Arrangements

Dear Ms. Collins:

In order to review the above-referenced Application, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority requires additional information. Please provide information describing how the proceeds of the requested financing transaction will be utilized. Further, please provide information on the expected interest rates and associated conditions of the requested financing transaction.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call me at 615-770-6894 or email me at jerry.kettles@tn.gov. Please respond by sending the original and 13 copies either by U.S. Mail or express mail. Alternatively, you may send the original and four (4) copies along with and electronic file to:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Kettles".

Jerry Kettles, Compliance Division Chief