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Sharla Dillon
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Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street
4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

18-00014

**Re: Birch Communications, Inc.
Notice of Intent to Operate Pursuant to Market Regulation**

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Birch Communications, Inc. ("Birch") hereby respectfully notifies the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission") of Birch's intent to operate pursuant to market regulation, in accordance with amended T.C.A. Section 65-5-109 enacted May 21, 2009. On that basis, Birch is requesting cancellation of its tariffs with the exception of its Intrastate Access Services Tariff T.R.A. No. 2.

The Commission granted Birch authorization to provide telecommunications services in Docket Nos. 99-00644 and 09-00029 on December 3, 1999 and April 27, 2009. Birch understands that it remains subject to, and will comply with the jurisdictional requirements as set forth in the new legislation as applicable, including payment of inspection fees, contribution to TDAP, and filing of annual Small & Minority Owned Business Plan updates.

An original and fourteen (14) copies of this letter are enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy and return it in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon P. Williams, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Secretary and
General Counsel

