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July 31, 2018

Via Overnight Delivery & E-Mail

Ms. Shonda Green, Department Secretary
MA Department of Telecommunications & Cable
1000 Washington Street
Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118

**RE: Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC
Notice Regarding 2018 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction Tariff Filings
Revision for M.D.T.C. Tariff No. 4 (Access)**

Dear Ms. Green:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Birch Communications of the Northeast, LLC ("Company") in compliance with the June 4, 2018 Commission Notice regarding 2018 Intercarrier Compensation Rate Reduction Tariff Filings. This filing reduces the terminating End Office Tandem Connect switched access rate to implement the seventh 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 switched access rates are set at parity with the Company's interstate terminating switched access rates. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of August 2, 2018.

The following tariff pages are included:

1 st Revised Page 1	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Page 57	Reduces Terminating Tandem Connect Rate

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$100.00 to cover the filing fee. This filing has been submitted via email to dtc.efiling@state.ma.us.

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@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel
Consultant

cc: S. Hayes – Birch (via Email)
tms: MAa1802
Enclosures
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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

CHECK SHEET

Pages of this tariff, as indicated below, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective pages. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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Title	Original		26	Original	51	Original
1	1 st Revised	*	27	Original	52	Original
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9	Original		35	Original	60	Original
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12	Original		38	Original	63	Original
13	Original		39	Original	64	Original
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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D.)

3.9 Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)

3.9.3 End Office Switching

A. Local Switching, per Minute

Originating

Service Provided via UNE-P/Commercial Agreement:

- Tandem-Connect Access (w/o Host-Remote Transport)	\$0.00515
- Direct-Connect Access (w/o Host-Remote Transport)	\$0.002124
- Tandem Connect Access (w/Host Remote Transport)	\$0.007401
- Direct Connect Access (w/Host Remote Transport)	\$0.004375

Service Provided via Company Facilities: \$0.00408200

Terminating

Service Provided via UNE-P/Commercial Agreement:

	<u>Tandem Connect</u>		<u>Direct Connect</u>	
	<u>3rd Party</u>	<u>End Office</u>	<u>3rd Party</u>	<u>End Office</u>
Per minute	\$0.00159800	\$0.00000000 (R)	\$0.00000000	\$0.00000000

Service Provided via Company Facilities:

	<u>Tandem Connect</u>	
	<u>3rd Party</u>	<u>End Office</u>
Per minute	\$0.0000240	\$0.00000000

B. Transport Interconnection Charge

- Per Minute Note 1

C. Information Surcharge

- Per Minute Note 1

Note 1: All access minutes are billed at a single per minute access rate found in Section 3.9.3A, Local Switching. This composite rate includes the elements traditionally billed as Transport Interconnection Charge and Information Surcharge.

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