



July 25, 2017
Via Overnight Delivery & E-Mail

Ms. Sara J. Clark, Secretary, Commission Secretary
MA Department of Telecommunications & Cable
1000 Washington Street
Suite 820
Boston, MA 02118

**RE: Cbeyond Communications, LLC d/b/a Birch
 Revision for M.D.T.C. Tariff No. 4 (Access)**

Dear Ms. Clark:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Cbeyond Communications, LLC d/b/a Birch ("Company"). This filing revises terminating switched access rates to implement the sixth 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 July 29, 2017.

The following tariff pages are included:

3 rd Revised Sheet 2	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Sheet 61	Adds Text Regarding 3 rd Party and End Office Rates
3 rd Revised Sheet 64	Revises Terminating Switched Access Rates
3 rd Revised Sheet 65	Revises VoIP-PSTN Traffic Terminating Access Rates

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Carey Roesel

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Consultant to Cbeyond Communications, LLC d/b/a Birch

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Enclosures
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CHECK SHEET

Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets 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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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.2 Application of Rates

Originating 101XXXX/8NN Switched Access: Usage rates will apply to the total number of recorded minutes of use during the billing period. Usage rates will apply to both Tandem Connect Access and Direct Connect Access as set forth in 5.4.2. In addition, non-recurring rates will apply to Tandem Connect Access, and non-recurring and monthly recurring rates will apply to Direct Connect Access. These non-recurring and monthly recurring rates will be developed on an individual case basis (see Section 8).

Terminating Switched Access: Usage rates will apply to the total number of recorded minutes of use during the billing period. Usage rates will apply to both Tandem Connect Access and Direct Connect Access as set forth in 5.4.2. In addition, non-recurring rates will apply to Tandem Connect Access, and non-recurring and monthly recurring rates will apply to Direct Connect Access. These non-recurring and monthly recurring rates will be developed on an individual case basis (see Section 8).

Originating 8NN Switched Access Query: In addition to all other applicable usage charges, a data base query charge will apply per originating 8NN message.

The terminating switched transport rate schedules are bifurcated into “3rd Party” and “End Office” rates. The Company bills the End Office terminating switched transport rates, in accordance with Federal Communications Commission Rules 51.907(g)(2) and 51.907(g), for “terminating traffic traversing a tandem switch that the terminating carrier or its affiliates owns.” All other terminating switched transport traffic is billed the 3rd Party terminating switched transport rates. (N)

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.4 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

5.4.2 Switched Access

Originating 101XXXX Switched Access:

LATA	Rate per MOU	
	Tandem Connect	Direct Connect
All	\$0.005150	\$0.004082

Originating 8NN Switched Access:

LATA	Rate per MOU	
	Tandem Connect	Direct Connect
All	\$0.005150	\$0.004082

Terminating Switched Access:

LATA	Rate per MOU	
	Tandem Connect	Direct Connect
All		
3 rd Party	\$0.001092 (R)	\$0.000024 (R)
End Office	\$0.000700 (R)	\$0.000000 (R)

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charges):

Originating 8NN Switched Access Query (in addition to all other applicable usage

LATA	Rate per Query	
	Tandem Connect	Direct Connect
All	\$0.004186	\$0.004186

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D.)

5.4 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

5.4.3 VoIP -PSTN Traffic

Originating 101XXXX, Originating 8NN, and Terminating FG Access:

	<u>Rate per MOU</u>	
Tandem Connect		
Originating	\$0.005150	
Terminating		(C)
3 rd Party	\$0.001092 (R)	
End Office	\$0.000700 (R)	(C)
Direct Connect		
Originating	\$0.004082	
Terminating		(C)
3 rd Party	\$0.000024 (R)	
End Office	\$0.000000 (R)	(C)

Originating 8NN FG Access Query (in addition to all other applicable usage charges):

Rate per Query	\$0.0100
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