
**TARIFF
of
BIRCH TELECOM OF THE GREAT LAKES, INC.**

This Tariff, filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, contains the rates, terms and conditions applicable to the provision of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Ohio by Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. This Tariff is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business located at:

Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.
2300 Main St. Suite 600
Kansas City, MO 64108

Effective July 1, 2008 in accordance with Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD the terms and conditions governing Interexchange Telecommunications Services can be found at www.birch.com.

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3. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Tariff, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

Company, the – Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc., unless the context indicates otherwise.

Commission – Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, unless the context indicates otherwise.

Customer — The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which contracts with the Company to receive telecommunications services from the Company.

Customer Premises – One Customer Premises is all space in the same building occupied by a Customer and all space occupied by the same Customer in different buildings on the same property.

Circuit — A communications path of a specific bandwidth or transmission speed between two or more points of termination.

Facilities — All Company-owned or operated equipment and Cable Facilities used to provide telecommunications services.

Individual Case Basis — A service arrangement in which the conditions, rates, and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

LATA – Local Access and Transport Area

Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) - Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-5)(MTSS). These safeguards can be found in the Appendix to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-5-03, which is entitled "Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities". These rights and responsibilities include complaint handling, ordering or changing service, service repair, payment of bills, and disconnection and reconnection of service.

Premises — A building or structure on property not separated by a public right-of-way. The property may be divided by a private right-of-way or easement, such as a railroad right-of-way.

Personal Account Code – A numeric or alpha-numeric sequence which uniquely identifies a travel card.

Private Line Service - An unswitched full-time transmission service utilizing the Facilities to connect two or more designated locations of the same Customer or User.

Terminating Facilities — All equipment placed in a structure that converts the transmitted signal to a requested service type, connects the structure to the Company's network and provides a point of interface/connection to which the Customer can connect its equipment. This may include electronic equipment, cable, wiring, connecting panels and blocks.

User — A person, firm, or corporation designated as a user of common carrier services furnished to the Customer. A User must be specifically named in the Customer's application for services.

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David E. Scott, President
Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.

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