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RE: Case No. 2003-00379 – Birch Telecom of the South Inc.'s Responses to BellSouth's Data Requests

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Enclosed are Birch Telecom of the South, Inc.'s ("Birch") objections and responses to BellSouth's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents, including confidential exhibits (single copy enclosed), and a petition for confidential treatment. Insofar as Birch provides service in Kentucky only through the use of UNE-P, Birch is not filing a response to the loop and transport questions contained in BellSouth's Second Set of Interrogatories.

Please indicate receipt of this filing by your office by placing a file stamp on the extra copy of this letter and returning to me via the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas F. Brent

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