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Via Federal Express

Mr. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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Re: Case No. 2012-00540 - Application of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southeast for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southeast hereby withdraws its application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service to Qualified Households (the "Application"), filed on December 7, 2012 in the above referenced case, without prejudice to refile.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this submission.

Sincerely,



Angela F. Collins

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Inc. dba Birch Communications of the
Southeast

cc: Jeb Pinney (via electronic mail)