

August 31, 2015

**Sent via FedEx**

PSC Filings Division  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Blvd  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Re: Birch Communications of Kentucky, LLC  
Administrative Case No 381**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed our annual affidavit in response to the Commission's order dated September 25, 2001 supporting the Commission's annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that Birch Communications of Kentucky, LLC. is eligible to receive high-cost support in accordance with 47 USC 254(e).

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 816-300-1049 or [angela.hoke@birch.com](mailto:angela.hoke@birch.com).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Angela Hoke'.

Angela Hoke  
Manager, Regulatory & Legal

Enclosures



**AFFIDAVIT**

Comes Affiant, Christopher Bunce, and after first being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. My name is Christopher Bunce, and I am Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Birch Communications of Kentucky, LLC ("Birch"). Birch is a subsidiary of Birch Communications, Inc. ("BCI").
2. On September 27, 2013, BCI and Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC ("Lightyear") entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement ("Agreement") pursuant to which BCI purchased certain assets and customers of Lightyear and its subsidiary SE Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Lightyear Network Solutions of Kentucky ("SEA") including certain customer accounts and receivables, certain customer agreements and contracts, certain vendor agreements and contracts, certain equipment, and certain intellectual property.
3. SEA was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") in PSC Case No. 2010-00340 dated September 27, 2010. Subsequently, this designation was transferred to Birch by Order of the Commission in PSC Case No. 2013-00296 dated August 12, 2013.
4. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, any support received by Birch will be used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act and 47 CFR § 54.314.
5. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

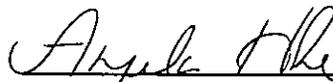


Chris Bunce  
Sr. Vice President & General Counsel

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Jackson - County )

Subscribed and sworn to before me by, this 31 day of August, 2015.

My commission expires 6-9-2018.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC