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December 17, 2018  
Via Web Filing

Mr. Daniel Hinton, Tariff Branch Manager  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: Birch Telecom of the South, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications of the Southeast  
Request for Company Name Change and Replacement Tariffs**

Dear Mr. Hinton:

The original of this letter, along with replacement tariffs, are submitted on behalf of Birch Communications of the Telecom of the South, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications of the Southeast ("Company") to request approval from the Commission to change the Company name to Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC. The Company is authorized to provide local and interexchange telecommunications services within Kentucky and underwent a name change from Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. to Birch Telecom of the South, LLC effective April; 5, 2018.

The Company has registered its new name with the state of Kentucky. Enclosed as Exhibit A is a copy of documentation on the change of Company name to Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC on file with the Kentucky Secretary of State.

A notice of the change in Company name is being provided to Kentucky customers via bill messages in the November 2018 and December 2018 invoices. Enclosed as Exhibit B is a copy of the bill message. The change in corporate name will have no effect on the rates, terms, or condition of services offered to customers.

Enclosed as Exhibit C are the Company's replacement local and interexchange and access services tariffs, KY P.S.C. Tariff No. 5 (Residential Interexchange), KY P.S.C. Tariff No. 6 (Business Interexchange), KY P.S.C. Tariff No. 7 (Residential Local Exchange), KY P.S.C. Tariff No. 8 (Business Local Exchange) and Kentucky Tariff No. 9 (Access), which replace in their entirety the Company's KY P.S.C. Tariff Nos. 1 and 2 and Kentucky Tariff No. 4 currently on file with the Commission.

The replacement local and interexchange tariffs contain the same rates, terms, and conditions of service previously approved by the Commission, but this information is now contained in two (2) separate tariffs – a tariff governing services provided to business customers and a tariff governing services provided to residential customers. No other changes have been made to the tariffs except to reflect the Company's new name and to sequentially number the pages and correct section numbering as necessary.

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The Company respectfully requests the Commission to change the Company's name in all Commission records to Lingo Telecom of the South, LLC and requests an effective date of January 1, 2019 for the enclosed tariffs.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas  
Consultant

Cc: A. Collins – Cahill, Gordon & Reindel LLP (via Email)

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Enclosures  
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Exhibit A  
Secretary of State Certification

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Alison Lundergan Grimes, Secretary of State**

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**Certificate of Authorization**

Authentication number: 209532  
Visit <https://app.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/certvalidate.aspx> to authenticate this certificate.

I, Alison Lundergan Grimes, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

**LINGO TELECOM OF THE SOUTH, LLC**

, a limited liability company authorized under the laws of the state of Delaware, is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and received the authority to transact business in Kentucky on March 6, 2000.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that an application for certificate of withdrawal has not been filed; and that the most recent annual report required by KRS 14A.6-010 has been delivered to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, in the 227<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.




  
Alison Lundergan Grimes  
Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
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Exhibit B  
Bill Message

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**Notices:**

We are pleased to announce that Birch is changing its name to Lingo Communications, and will operate under the "Lingo" brand going forward. Starting January 1, 2019, you will see the "Lingo" name on your monthly invoices and other correspondence from us. This change will have no effect on your current services, and no action is required by you. We thank you for your continued business and look forward to continuing to provide you with quality service for many years to come. Please contact Customer Care if you have additional questions or concerns.