Docket Number: TC17-067

Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1

Request to: Birch Communications, Inc. (Birch)

Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

Date of Request: 12/20/17 Responses Due: 1/10/18

## South Dakota Data Request

1.3. Please provide Birch's Certificate of Authority to transact business in South Dakota from the Secretary of State as well as its South Dakota sales tax number. If you have not received them, please supplement the application with it when they have been received.

## Birch Response to 1.3:

Please see Exhibit 2. Please note that Birch Communications, Inc. was converted to a limited liability company (LLC) in its home state of Georgia effective December 30, 2017. Birch is in the process of amending its authorization from the South Dakota Secretary of State to reflect its new organizational structure and its new name – Birch Communications, LLC. Birch will file a supplement in the docket once the revised Secretary of State authorization is received. Birch also will update its South Dakota sales tax registration, but does not expect the change in organizational form to affect its current sales tax identification number.