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Blanca S. Bayo' Director, Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission Betty Easley Conference Center 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 000121-TP - Investigation into the establishment of operations support systems permanent performance measures for incumbent local exchange telecommunications companies.

Dear Ms. Bayo':

This is to inform the Florida Public Service Commission and parties in the above-captioned docket that Birch Telecom wishes to withdraw from the proceedings. Please remove Birch from the parties' list. Birch would, however, like to continue to monitor the proceedings and, therefore, respectfully requests that it remain on the interested persons list.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-676-5262.

Sincerely yours,

Monica M. Barene
Director, State Regulation
Birch Telecom

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