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FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

C.A. No. 02-1460 (JJF)

In re:

BIRCH TELECOM, INC., et al.,

Debtors.

NOTICE OF (I) ENTRY OF ORDER (A) APPROVING DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND SOLICITATION **PROCEDURES AND (B) CONFIRMING JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE** BANKRUPTCY CODE OF BIRCH TELECOM, INC., ET AL. AND (II) EFFECTIVE DATE OF JOINT PLAN OF **REORGANIZATION UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE** BANKRUPTCY CODE OF BIRCH TELECOM, INC., ET AL

TO ALL CREDITORS, EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order (the "Confirmation Order") approving the above-captioned debtors' and debtors'-in-possession (the "Debtors") Disclosure Statement and confirming the Debtors' Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 Of The Bankruptcy Code Of Birch Telecom, Inc. (the "Plan")¹, was entered by the Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr., United States District Judge, on September 19, 2002, and duly docketed and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the "District Court"). The Effective Date of the Plan is September 30, 2002.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Confirmation Order is available for inspection in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, 844 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 or a copy is available upon request, free of charge, from the undersigned counsel to the Debtors.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person or entity requesting --- compensation or reimbursement of expenses relating to these cases pursuant to sections 327, MС

> Any capitalized term not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Plan.

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328, 330, 331 or 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for services rendered before the Effective Date shall file with the District Court and serve upon (A) the Debtors, at the addresses set forth in Section V.L. of the Plan, (B) counsel to the Debtors, Latham & Watkins, 855 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Martin N. Flics, Esquire and Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, 1201 North Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn.: William H. Sudell, Jr., Esquire, and (C) the Office of the United States Trustee, Room 2311, 844 King Street, Lockbox 35, Federal Building, Wilmington, DE 19801, an application for final allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses on or before November 14, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Wilmington, Delaware time. Applications that are not timely filed will not be considered by the District Court; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, Reorganized Birch may pay any bankruptcy professional fees and expenses incurred after the Confirmation Date without any application to the District Court. Objections, if any, to such applications shall be filed and served not later than five (5) business days prior to the date set by the Court for the hearing to consider such claims.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware October 2, 2002

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