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# COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS

For the provision of (check all that apply):

- INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER
- ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICE PROVIDER
- COMPETITIVE ACCESS
- COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS
- OTHER (Describe):

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF

### Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.

Certificate Number 90-9134

If name was changed during year, show also the previous name and date of change.

**www.birch.com**

Website URL

2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Jackson County, MO 64108-1914

Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
(816) 300-3000				

Phone: (Area Code) Number

2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Jackson County, MO 64108-1914

(Address of principal business office at end of year)

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Name, title, address, e-mail address and telephone number (including area code) of the person to be contacted concerning this report.

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS, DEFINITIONS, ETC.

Please read the general instructions carefully before filling out this form:

1. The word "Respondent" in the following inquiries means the person, firm, association, or company in whose behalf the report is made.
2. The schedules and questions contained in this report were developed to be generally applicable to all competitive telecommunication service providers. All instructions shall be followed and each question answered as fully and accurately as possible. Sufficient answers shall appear to show that no schedule, question, or line item has been overlooked.
3. If answers to an inquiry are given elsewhere in the report, incorporation of the information by reference is sufficient.
4. Customary abbreviations may be used except that the exact name of the respondent shall be shown in full on the "Title Page" and in the "Verification" page.
5. Where the space provided is insufficient for the required data or it is necessary or desirable to insert additional statements or schedules, the insert pages shall show the number and title of the schedule to which it pertains, as well as the name of the respondent and the year covered, and shall be on 8 1/2" x 11" durable paper.
6. The information required with respect to any statement furnished is the *minimum requirement*. The respondent may add such further material information as is necessary to ensure that the required statements are not misleading.
7. All copies filed with the Commission must be legible and permanent. All entries shall be made in permanent ink or by a typewriter. Items of a reverse or contrary character shall be enclosed in parentheses, or indicated by a minus sign followed by the amount.
8. The annual report shall be signed by a duly elected officer of the respondent and it shall be notarized.
9. "Operating" as used in this report refers to regulated operations while "Nonoperating" refers to nonregulated operations.

## IDENTITY OF RESPONDENT

1. Identify respondent's form of business organization: sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other (explain).

**Corporation**

2. If a consolidated, merged, or reorganized company, briefly provide particulars of such transactions, the date of the transactions, and PUCO authority. If a reorganized company, give name of original company.

**The Delaware Secretary of State issued its Certificate of Agreement of Merger on March 9, 2000, regarding the Agreement of Merger filed March 7, 2000, merging Birch Telecom of Illinois, Inc., Birch Telecom of Indiana, Inc., Birch Telecom of Michigan, Inc., and Birch Telecom of Wisconsin, Inc. with and into Birch Telecom of Ohio, Inc. under the name of Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. Please note that this corporate activity took place prior to Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc.'s certification in Ohio.**

3. Identify any other names (other than shown on title page) under which respondent conducted any part of its business during the year.

**Respondent is not operating under any name in Ohio at this time or ever.**

4. If incorporated specify:

- a. Date of filing of articles of incorporation. 09/27/99
- b. State in which incorporated. Delaware

5. Identify PUCO Case Number (and date issued) granting operating authority and identify certificate number(s) issued.

**Case No. 00-1042-TP-ACE; issued 12/07/00; Certificate No. 90-9134.**

6. State whether respondent is operational in Ohio (actually providing service and the date operations began), or available (but not currently providing service).

**Respondent is not operating in Ohio at this time or ever.**

7. If operational, identify Ohio counties where respondent is providing service.

**Respondent is not operating in Ohio at this time or ever.**

8. List the types of services provided by the respondent, e.g., residential voice, business voice, business data, other (specify types of other services provided).

**Not applicable**

9. Identify if services are provided by resale (total service resale of local exchange company service) or facilities based (through respondent's own switch or via UNE platform), and names of Ohio counties where each type of service is provided.

**Not applicable**

10. Identify local exchange companies that respondent has interconnection agreements with to provide service in Ohio.

**Not applicable**

## IMPORTANT CHANGES DURING THE YEAR

Report important changes of the types listed. Except as otherwise indicated data furnished should apply to the same period the report covers. Answers should be numbered in accordance with the inquiries and if "none" states the fact, it should be used. If information which answers an inquiry is given elsewhere in the report, identification of the other answer will be sufficient.

1. Changes in ownership or control (shareholders holding 5% or more of outstanding stock).

None

2. Other important changes: Give brief particulars of each other important change which is not disclosed elsewhere in this report.

None

See attached

<b>DIRECTORS, PROPRIETORS, PARTNERS</b>			
1. Give the name of each director or proprietor. (For partnerships identify each partner, identify which are general or limited partners, and show each partner's percent of interest.)			
Line No.	Name and Address (City and State) (a)	Served Continuously From (b)	Term Expired or Current Term Will Expire (c)
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(For corporations, show the data requested; for other forms of business organizations, show names of individuals holding comparable positions.)			
16	Name of Chairman of the Board	21	Treasurer
17	Name of Secretary of Board	22	Controller
18	President		
19	Vice-President		
20	Secretary		

**Attachment to Page 4  
Directors, Proprietors, Partners**

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Served Continuously From</b>	<b>Current Term Expires</b>
G. Michael Cassity	2004	04/07/05
Gregory C. Lawhon	09/27/99	04/07/05
James G. Timmer	2004	04/07/05

**Officers**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Office</b></u>
G. Michael Cassity	President & CEO
Gregory C. Lawhon	Sr. V.P. Public Policy, Gen. Counsel & Secretary
James G. Timmer	Sr. V.P., CFO & Treasurer
Richard Scott	Exec. V.P., Network & Customer Operations
Paul Hales	Sr. V.P., Sales
Gary Johnson	Sr. V.P., Engineering Operations
Christopher Bunce	Asst. Secretary

**Instructions:**

Schedule 2 is used for PUCO annual assessment purposes pursuant to Section 4905.10, RC. The reporting company shall maintain supporting and/or subsidiary records to separately record revenues derived from total operations and from its Ohio intrastate operations. Information presented herein is subject to audit by the PUCO.

The jurisdictional separation of revenues reported in this schedule should conform, to the extent applicable, to the procedures and instructions of CFR 47 Parts 32 and 36.

For interexchange carriers, intrastate refers to messages originating and terminating in Ohio.

For cellular, competitive access, and paging providers, intrastate refers to amounts billed to an Ohio account.

**SCHEDULE: 2**

<b>STATEMENT OF INTRASTATE GROSS EARNINGS (REVENUE)</b>		
Line No.	Item	Amount Ohio Intrastate
1	Operating and Miscellaneous Revenue - Wholesale Cellular Communications, Radio Common Carrier, Directory Revenue, Rent Revenue, Special Billings (revenue from work performed for others, rent revenue-nonoperating, return on regulated investment used to provide nonregulated products and services, etc.)	-0-
2	Other Revenue, Dividend and Interest Income, Gains From Disposition of Property -- Operating and Nonoperating, Other Operating or Nonoperating Gains (foreign currency exchange or transfer, extinguishment of debt, company's share of earnings of affiliated company accounted for on equity method, income from sinking and other funds, etc.)	-0-
3	<b>SUBTOTAL (1) + (2)</b>	-0-
4	Earnings or receipts from sales to other public utilities for resale	(      )
5	<b>TOTAL (3) + (4)</b>	-0-

SCHEDULE: 3

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT PUCO CORRESPONDENCE IS DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON AT THE CORRECT ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING.**

**Name, Title, Address, and Phone Number of the Company's Contact Persons  
to Receive Entries and Orders from the Docketing Division**

Barbara Fillinger, Sr. Manager, Regulatory Compliance

Name

Title

2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108

Address

(816) 300-3290

Phone Number (Including Area Code)

**Name, Title, Address, and Phone Number of Person to whom Invoice  
should be Directed**

Barbara Fillinger, Sr. Manager, Regulatory Compliance

Name

Title

2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108

Address

(816) 300-3290

Phone Number (Including Area Code)

**Name and Address of the President**

G. Michael Cassity

Name

President

2020 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108-1914

Address

VERIFICATION

The foregoing report must be verified by the President or Chief Officer of the company. The oath required may be taken before any person authorized to administer an oath by the laws of the State in which the same is taken.

OATH

State of Missouri  
County of Jackson

G. Michael Cassity makes oath and says that  
(Insert here the name of the affiant.)

he is President  
(Insert here the official title of deponent)

of Birch Telecom of the Great lakes, Inc.  
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the respondent.)

that he has examined the foregoing report; that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said report are true and the said report is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named respondent in respect to each and every matter set forth therein during the period from and including January 1, 2004, to and including December 31, 2004.

G. Michael Cassity  
(Signature of affiant.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for said count and state this 2nd day of May, 2005.



BARBARA P. FILLINGER  
Jackson County  
My Commission Expires  
June 6, 2008

Barbara P. Fillingher  
Notary Public