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February 27, 2018

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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: DT 18-012, Birch Communications, Inc. Application for Registration to
Provide Voice Service – Staff Request for Extension of Filing Deadline**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 202.04, Commission Staff hereby requests an extension of time to file an objection or response to the Request for Consideration filed on February 20, 2018 by Birch Communications, Inc., under Puc 203.07(f).

Staff requests that the filing deadline be extended for one week, from February 27, 2018 to March 6, 2018, in order to afford additional time to review and analyze the reconsideration request and to conduct further factual investigation regarding relevant issues. Staff represents that, under the circumstances, undue inconvenience would result if the request were not granted and that the requested extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party.

Pursuant to Puc 202.04(b), Staff made a good faith attempt to gain the consent of Birch Communications, Inc. to the requested extension, and Birch's counsel indicated it does not object to the request.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the Commission extend by one week the deadline for filing an objection or response to the Request for Consideration, from February 27, 2018 to March 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:**

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.**
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.**