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Ms. Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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RE: Docket No. 18-BTKT-033-KSF
In the Matter of the Audit of Birch Telecom of Kansas, Inc. by the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) Administrator Pursuant to K.S.A 2016 Supp. 66-2010(b) for KUSF Operating Year 20, Fiscal Year March 2016-February 2017.

Dear Ms. Retz:

On July 31, 2018, the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC or Commission) issued an Order adopting GVNW Consulting, Inc.'s (GVNW) Audit Report and directing: (1) Birch Telecom of Kansas Inc. (Birch or Company) to submit Audit True-ups for the period of March through June 2016 and pay \$2,508 to the KUSF within 30-days of issuance of the Commission Order; (2) the Company to pay a \$1,700 penalty for reporting violations within 30-days from the date of the Order; and (3) GVNW, within 60-days of the issuance of the Order, to file an updated Audit Report to remove previously designated confidential sections and a Compliance Report.

GVNW, on August 3, 2018, filed the updated Audit Report and on August 16, 2018, GVNW apprised the Commission of a correction to Birch's December 2016 assessment. The Commission, on August 23, 2018, accepted GVNW's Audit Report as supplemented and corrected.

Birch submitted the required Audit True-ups to GVNW and, on August 30, 2018, remitted the \$2,508 payment to the KUSF Administrator. On September 27 2018, the Company remitted the \$1,700 penalty to the Commission's Fiscal Office, 29-days after the ordered due date.

Therefore, GVNW recommends that the Commission determine Birch is in compliance with the Commission's Order and that Docket No. 18-BTKT-033-KSF be closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Winter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Winter
Senior Consultant

cc w/encl: Sandy Reams

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of September 2018, the above Kansas Universal Service Fund Compliance Report was e-filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission and a copy was sent via electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail to:

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