

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Birch Telecom of	)	
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a NOW Communications as an	)	
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of	)	<b><u>File No. TA-2013-0314</u></b>
Missouri for the Limited Purpose of Offering Lifeline	)	
Service to Qualified Households	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND  
SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE**

Issue Date: December 10, 2012

Effective Date: December 10, 2012

On November 29, 2012, Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. d/b/a NOW Communications requested designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of receiving federal universal service support. The Commission will direct its Data Center to issue notice and will set a deadline for intervention requests.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send notice of this application to all local exchange carriers certificated to provide service in Missouri.
2. Any request to intervene shall be filed with the Commission no later than December 29, 2012, with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information Service.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of December, 2012.