



April 5, 2005

Mr. Jerry Gilmore
Director – Local Performance
Industry Markets
SBC Communications, Inc.
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RE: SBC's Fiber-Based Collocator Designation

Dear Jerry:

In an effort to continue Birch Telecom, Inc.'s (which includes all of its operating subsidiaries) diligent inquiry into SBC's non-impaired wire center designations, Birch requests the following information, which it believes SBC has not answered, non-confidentially, in any previous setting, either on a business to business level or through formal commission proceeding.

To the extent that SBC has provided the requested information in the context of any state commission proceeding, subject to any protective order, Birch presumes that SBC has allegedly done so to protect any perceived confidentiality of a Birch collocation location. However, such protection cannot be claimed if Birch waives such confidentiality with respect to Birch-specific information. For purposes of attempting to validate SBC's designation of non-impaired wire centers under the *TRRO*, and to the extent Birch or any of its subsidiaries has been named by SBC as a fiber-based collocator for the purposes referenced herein, Birch waives any confidentiality regarding such information.

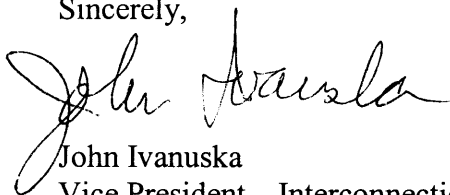
Notwithstanding any confidential protections claimed by SBC, Birch requests a response to the following information.

1. In any wire center in Texas, Missouri, Kansas or Oklahoma, in which SBC has claimed non-impaired status for that wire center based on the FCC's *TRRO* criteria (i.e. fiber-based collocators and/or business access lines), has SBC named Birch, or any of its affiliates, (namely ionex communications, inc. or ionex communications south, inc.) as a fiber-based collocator that SBC counted to meet the aforementioned *TRRO* criteria?

2. To the extent the answer to question 1 is “yes,” please identify, by state, in which wire centers Birch has been named as a fiber-based collocater.

We request responses to this information no later than close of business on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ivanuska". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Ivanuska" clearly distinguishable.

John Ivanuska

Vice President – Interconnection & Carrier Relations