

Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc.**d/b/a Birch**

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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

SECTION 11 – OBSOLETE SERVICES (CONT'D.)**11.2 Services for Former Cable & Wireless USA Customers (Cont'd.)****E. Timing of Calls:**

1. On direct dialed outbound and inbound calls ~~provided pursuant~~ to this tariff, and except as set forth in Section 5.3.2.(E)(3) below, chargeable call duration accrues from the time the called party answers, as indicated by Carrier's receipt of answer supervision, until one of the parties hangs up, as detected by Carrier's equipment.
2. Carrier may receive answer supervision signaling directly from local exchange carriers, may employ software answer supervision, or may receive answer supervision from other interexchange carriers. These other interexchange carriers may themselves employ either local exchange carrier-provided answer supervision or some other method of determining called party on-hook or off-hook status.
3. Call duration recording of Conference Calling and Operator Service calls does not necessarily employ answer supervision on every call. C Toll Free Service calls terminating on a Customer's PBX or comparable Customer premises equipment will be timed commencing when Carrier receives answer supervision from such communications system.