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Via Electronic Filing

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, First Floor
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications and
Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC - Notification of Transfer of Customers
and Assets**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On August 15, 2013, Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications (“Ionex”) and Lightyear Network Solutions, LLC (“Lightyear”) (collectively, “Parties”) filed a Notification with South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) of the transfer of the assets and customers of Lightyear to Ionex (the “Transaction”). The Parties hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on September 27, 2013.

As stated in the Notification, Lightyear will make a subsequent filing to cancel Lightyear’s authorization to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota and any currently effective tariffs it may have on file. The contact person for any future correspondence with Lightyear is Robin Norton, Consultant, Technologies Management, Inc., 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 300, Maitland, FL, 32751; 407-740-3004 (DID); 407-740-8575 (Main); rnorton@tminc.com.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications