

August 16, 2013 Via Web Filing

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Capitol Building, 1st Floor Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications South Dakota Tariff No. 6 - Response to First Data Request Docket No. TC13-087

Dear Mr. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find the original of the above referenced filing submitted on behalf of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications. This filing is in response to Darren Kearney of SD Staff's First Data Request dated July 24, 2013.

This filing has also been submitted through the Commission's electronic filing system.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3006 or via email to croesel@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Carey Roesel

Carey Roesel Consultant to Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications

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Enclosures CR/gs