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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: Consummation Notice for Transfer of Customers
Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications and
Primus Telecommunications, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Via letter dated February 18, 2016, Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications (“Ionex”) and Primus Telecommunications, Inc. (“Primus”) notified the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) of a pending transaction between Primus and Ionex pursuant to which Primus would transfer its South Dakota customer base to Ionex (the “Transaction”). Ionex hereby notifies the Commission that the Transaction was consummated for South Dakota customers effective May 3, 2016. All Primus customers in South Dakota have been transferred to Ionex, and Primus’ authority in South Dakota should now be cancelled. The contact person for any future correspondence with Primus is:

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications