

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY IONEX)
COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC. DBA)
BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL)
OF REVISIONS TO ITS TARIFF NO. 6)**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

TC13-087

On June 28, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications (Birch Communications) for approval of revisions to its Access Services Tariff No. 6. The purpose of the filing is to comply with the second phase of the FCC ICC Reform Order, FCC 11-161, issued November 18, 2011. More specifically, Birch Communications revises its terminating intrastate access rates to mirror the rates set forth in its interstate tariff. Birch Communications requests an effective date of July 1, 2013, for the revisions. On August 16, 2013, Birch Communications filed its response to staff's data request. The following tariff pages were filed with regard to this revision:

South Dakota Tariff No. 6

2nd Revised Sheet 2
2nd Revised Sheet 56

Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet 2
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On July 5, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 19, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No parties sought intervention.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 27, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested revisions to Birch Communications' Access Services Tariff No. 6. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the above-referenced revisions to Birch Communications' South Dakota Access Services Tariff No. 6 effective as of July 1, 2013.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of August, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.

By: Joy Lashley

Date: 8.30.13

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner