



March 23, 2010  
*Via Electronic Delivery*

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

**Re: Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications – Replacement Pages to Access Replacement Tariff**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find replacement pages to the access replacement tariff originally filed on October 16, 2009, on behalf of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications. As requested by Terri LaBrie of SD Staff, this filing adjusts the switched access rates to match the ILEC rates.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Please contact me at (407) 740-3006 or [croesel@tminc.com](mailto:croesel@tminc.com) should you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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

*CR/gs*  
*Enclosure*

cc: Tara Jackson – Birch  
file: Birch – SD Access  
tms: SDA0901b

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**SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)**

5.4 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd)

5.4.3 End Office Switching

A. Local Switching

	<u>Direct-Trunked</u>	<u>Tandem-Routed</u>
1. Originating, per Minute	\$0.051711	\$0.059900
2. Terminating, per Minute	\$0.051711	\$0.059900

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**SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)**

5.4 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd)

5.4.4 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

Per Query \$0.003312

5.4.5 Switched Access Optional Features

All Optional Features are offered on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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