

Docket Number: TC17-067
Subject Matter: Staff's Data Request 1
Request to: Birch Communications, Inc. (Birch)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: 12/20/17
Responses Due: 1/10/18

South Dakota Data Request

1.5. Does Birch expect to file with the Commission a new interconnection agreement with CenturyLink? Why or why not?

Birch Response to 1.5:

Birch's affiliate, Ionex Communications North, Inc., currently holds an approved interconnection agreement with CenturyLink for the state of South Dakota. Birch expects it will become a party to that interconnection agreement via amendment or will enter into a new interconnection agreement with CenturyLink. In either case, the amendment or new interconnection agreement will be filed with the Commission pursuant to the normal process for approval of interconnection agreements.