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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, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications
Notice of Change in Company Name and Replacement Tariffs
TC18-010 – First Data Request Responses**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is the above referenced filing submitted on behalf of Ionex Communications North, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications. This filing is submitted in response to the South Dakota Staff First Data Request dated March 27, 2018 and conversation with Lorena Reichert, Staff Analyst.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Carey Roesel

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Enclosures

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Docket Number: TC18-010
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: March 27, 2018
Responses Due: April 17, 2018

- 1-1. Show, pursuant to SDCL 37-11-1, that Ionex Communications North, Inc. is allowed to do business as Birch Communications in South Dakota.

The documentation on the Fictitious Name Registration on file with the South Dakota Secretary of State is enclosed in Exhibit 1.

- 1-2. Provide a redline version of the changes from South Dakota Tariff No. 6 to South Dakota Tariff No 7.

The redline version of the changes from South Dakota Tariff No. 6 to South Dakota Tariff No. 7 is enclosed in Exhibit 2. This redline version is based on the correct Commission copy of Tariff No. 6 and Tariff No. 7 as amended to make corrections to Sheets 7, 9, 11, 30, 56 and 57 as noted below.

- 1-3. The link on sheet 56 of the tariff does not work. Please update.

The link on Sheet 56 has been updated. The revised Sheet 56 is enclosed in Exhibit 3.

- 1-4. It appears that the rate on section 5.4.4, sheet 57 of Tariff No. 7 has more than doubled from the rate on section 5.4.4, sheet 57 of Tariff No. 6. Please explain.

An incorrect version of Tariff No. 6 was used to prepare Tariff No. 7. The updated Sheet 57 is enclosed in Exhibit 3.

- 1-5. Why is the South Dakota tariff not on the company website?

The Company was not aware that web posting of SD tariffs was a requirement. The tariff has been added to the public tariff postings on the Company website at <http://www.birch.com/legal/tariff-information-1>

- 1-6. Please explain the addition of definitions on sheet 7, 9, and 11 of Tariff No. 7.

An incorrect version of Tariff No. 6 was used to prepare Tariff No. 7. Updated Sheets 7, 9, and 11 are enclosed in Exhibit 3.

- 1-7. Please explain the changes on Sheet 30 of the tariff.

An incorrect version of Tariff No. 6 was used to prepare Tariff No. 7. The updated Sheet 30 is enclosed in Exhibit 3.