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December 14, 2018
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
Request for Company Name Change and Replacement Access Services Tariff**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

This letter, along with replacement access tariff, is submitted on behalf of Ionex Communications North, LLC d/b/a Birch Communications ("Company") to request approval from the Commission to change the Company name to Lingo Communications North, LLC. The Company was authorized to provide facilities-based local exchange services within South Dakota in Docket TC00-171 and underwent a name change from Ionex Communications North, Inc. to Ionex Communications, LLC effective March 12, 2018 in Docket TC18-010.

The Company has registered its new name with the state of South Dakota. Enclosed as Exhibit A is a copy of the Certificate of Authorization for Lingo Communications North, LLC on file with the South Dakota Secretary of State.

A notice of the change in Company name is being provided to South Dakota customers via bill messages in the November 2018 and December 2018 invoices. Enclosed as Exhibit B is a copy of the bill message. The change in corporate name will have no effect on the rates, terms, or condition of services offered to customers.

Enclosed as Exhibit C is the Company's replacement access services tariff, South Dakota Tariff No. 8, which cancels and replaces in its entirety the Company's South Dakota Tariff No. 7 currently on file with the Commission. No changes have been made to the tariff except to reflect the Company's new name and to sequentially number the pages and correct section numbering as necessary.

The Company respectfully requests the Commission to change the Company's name in all Commission records to Lingo Communications North, LLC and requests an effective date of December 31, 2018 for the enclosed tariff.

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Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

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Enclosures

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