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Ms. Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0602

Re: Filing of tariff pages to be incorporated into North Dakota Local Exchange Services
Tariff No. 1 of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

On behalf of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications ("Birch"), enclosed are the originals and one copy of supplemental pages to the North Dakota Local Exchange Services Tariff No. 1 of Birch. With this filing Birch requests to increase hunting rates, value package rates and introduces the finance charge.

Each customer will receive a minimum thirty day notice prior to the increase.

We request an effective date of June 9, 2010.

I am also enclosing an additional copy of this letter to be date stamped to acknowledge your receipt of this filing. Please return the date stamped copy in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this filing, if you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me by email at tara.jackson@birch.com or by phone at (816) 300-1677.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tara Jackson
Sr. Manager, Legal and Regulatory

Enclosures

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**Billing and collection, featured packages, ISDN,
miscellaneous**

Ionex Communications North, Inc.

Birch Communications. At your service.

SECTION 5.0 – PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and Services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Users authorized by the Customer, regardless of whether those Services are used by the Customer itself or are resold or shared with other persons.

5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

5.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges are due and payable within 30 days after the date an invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company.

5.2.2 The Company shall present invoices for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which Service is provided, and Recurring Charges shall be due and payable within 30 days after the invoice is mailed.

5.2.3 Charges based on Measured Usage will be included on the next invoice rendered following the end of the month in which the usage occurs, and will be due and payable within 30 days after the invoice is mailed.

5.2.4 When Service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which Service was furnished will be calculated on a pro-rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.

5.2.5 Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the Service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by Mutual Agreement of the Parties, or if the Service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in the Price Lists of the Company or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the Service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

5.2.6 With respect to Customers, if any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the date due, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available, then a Late Payment Penalty shall be due to the Company. The Late Payment Penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the date due, multiplied by a monthly late factor of 1.5% or at the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is less.

A Finance Charge of 1.5% shall apply to the outstanding balance of charges, as at the end of the "Due Before Date", with effect from the second month after the charges are first applied, and every month thereafter

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SECTION 16.0 - LOCAL SERVICES RATES

16.4 Optional Calling Features (Continued)

3 Feature Value Package (1)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non-recurring Charge</u>	
Any three features from the 3 Feature Value Package Feature List below.	\$9.95	\$10.00	(1)

3 Feature Value Package Feature List

- Anonymous Call Reject
- Auto Redial
- Call Blocker
- Call Forwarding – Variable
- Call Forwarding Busy Line/No Answer
- Caller ID Name & Number
- Call Return
- Call Waiting
- Priority Call
- Remote Access to Call Forwarding
- Selective Call Forwarding
- Simultaneous Call Forwarding
- Speed Calling 30
- Three Way Calling

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16.4 Optional Calling Features (Continued)

7 Feature Value Package (1)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non-recurring Charge</u>	
Any seven features from the 7 Feature Value Package Feature List	\$15.95	\$10.00	(1)

7 Feature Value Package Feature List

- Anonymous Call Reject
- Auto Redial
- Call Blocker
- Call Forwarding – Variable
- Call Forwarding Busy Line/No Answer
- Caller ID Name & Number
- Call Waiting with Caller ID Options
- Call Return
- Call Transfer Disconnect
- Call Waiting
- Distinctive Ring 2nd and 3rd
- Priority Call
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16.5 ISDN Service (2)(T) (Continued)16.5.1 Basic Rate Interface Rates (Continued)16.5.1.C Optional Features

	<u>Monthly Rate (1)</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Additional Call Appearances	\$1.00	\$10.00
Additional Primary Directory	\$12.00	\$10.00
Additional Secondary Directory	\$1.00	\$10.00
Additional Shared Call Appearance	\$1.00	\$10.00
Additional X.25 Logical Channel	\$N/A	\$10.00
Analog Call Appearance	\$1.00	\$10.00
Call Forwarding-Busy Line-All Calls, per Number	\$N/A	\$10.00
Call Forwarding-Don't Answer-All Calls, per Number	\$N/A	\$10.00
Call Forwarding-Variable-All Calls, per SDN	\$N/A	\$10.00
Call Pickup, per Number	\$N/A	\$10.00
Caller Identification-Blocking-All Calls, per PDN	\$N/A	\$10.00
Calling Name Identification, per Number	\$2.50	\$10.00
Call Rejection, per PDN	\$3.50	\$10.00
Continuous Redial, per PDN	\$2.50	\$10.00
Last Call Return	\$2.00	\$10.00
Priority Call, per PDN	\$2.00	\$10.00
Selective Call Forwarding	\$2.50	\$10.00
Hunting (Short, Circular and Regular)	\$5.95	(1) \$10.00
UCD Hunt,Data per B-Channel	\$8.50	\$10.00
UCD Hunt, Data per Group	\$N/A	\$20.00
UCD Hunt, Voice per B-Channel	\$8.50	\$10.00
UCD Hunt, Voice per Group	\$N/A	\$20.00
Non-Standard Configuration Group, per Button	\$N/A	\$15.00
Redirecting Number Delivery, per Number	\$2.00	\$10.00
Series Completion Hunt, per Number	\$2.00	\$10.00

16.5.1.D Custom Configurations

The Customer may request Customized Configurations of Service Components and/or Equipment, and the Company may choose to offer the Customized Configuration on an Individual Case Basis. Price List Monthly Recurring Rate Elements will apply at the Rates specified in this Price List; Nonrecurring Charges may be bundled with Non-Price Listed Inside Wiring and Equipment for a Lump Sum Rate.

(1) Applicable discounts will Apply to Rates.

(2) Effective June 17, 2004, these charges are no longer available new subscribers.

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16.10 Miscellaneous Services

16.10.1 Screening and Toll Denial

	<u>Business Monthly</u>	<u>Residential Monthly</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Billed Number Screening (2)(T)	N/A	N/A	\$6.50
Selective Call Screening (2)(T)	\$2.00, per line	N/A	\$24.00
Toll Denial (2)(T)	\$1.80	\$2.20	\$24.00 (Business Only)
Toll Denial (3)(N)	\$6.50	\$2.20	\$24.00 (Business Only)

16.10.2 Hunting Line Service

The following charges apply to each Standard Local Line Service line arranged for Hunting.

	<u>Monthly Business (1)</u>	<u>Monthly Residential</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
Hunting Rate (2)	\$8.50	\$5.95	See Section 15	(I)
Hunting Rate (3)	\$8.00	\$5.95	See Section 15	(I)

(1) Applicable Discounts Apply to Rates.

16.11 Market Expansion Lines

	<u>Monthly Recurring Charge</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
Per Line (2)	\$16.00	\$20.00
Per Line (3)	\$25.00	\$37.50

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(3) Effective June 17, 2004, these charges are only available to existing subscribers for move, add or changes to their existing account.

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