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Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications - North Dakota Tariff No. 3

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing please find the original of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications. Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90, etc., FCC No. 11-161 (released Nov 18, 2011) this filing revises the Company's switched access rates. Supporting documentation is attached. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of July 26, 2012.

This filing has also been submitted electronically via email to ndpsc@nd.gov.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

1 st Revised Sheet 2	Updates Check Sheet
1 st Revised Sheet 56	Revises switched access 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 for that purpose.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc: Chris Bunce - Birch
file: Birch - ND Access
tms: NDa1201

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Ionex Communications North, Inc.

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

CHECK SHEET

Pages of this tariff, as indicated below, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective pages. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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	\$0.050000	\$0.050000	
2.	Terminating, per Minute	\$0.02621500* (R)	\$0.02815650* (R)	(T)

*Rates effective as of July 3, 2012.

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Tariff Ref.

State	Desc.	IntraState	InterState	Demand	Proposed Rate	IntraState	Check
ND	UNE-P Tandem Connect	0.05000000	0.00631300	-n/a	0.02815650	ND No. 3 Sec 5.4.3 Pg 56 Nov-5-09	50%
	UNE-P Direct Connect	0.05000000	0.00243000	-n/a	0.02621500	ND No. 3 Sec 5.4.3 Pg 56 Nov-5-09	50%