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Steven King  
Acting Executive Director/Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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**Re: Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications and Ernest Communications, Inc. - Notification of Transfer of Customers and Assets**

Dear Mr. King:

On July 25, 2013, Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications (“Ionex”), and Ernest Communications, Inc. (“Ernest”) (collectively, the “Parties”) filed a Notification with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) of the transfer of the assets and customers of Ernest to Ionex (the “Transaction”). The Parties hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on August 29, 2013.

As stated in the Notification, Ernest will make a subsequent filing to cancel Ernest’s authorization to provide telecommunications services in Washington and any currently effective tariffs it may have on file. The contact person for any future correspondence with Ernest is Carey Roesel, Technologies Management, Inc., 2600 Maitland Center Parkway, Suite 300, Maitland, Florida, 32751; (407) 740-8575 (telephone); (407) 740-0613 (facsimile); croesel@tminc.com.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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