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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Dave Danner  
Executive Director/Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr., S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Re: Ionex Communications North, Inc. Application for Registration**

Dear Mr. Danner:

Ionex Communications North, Inc. ("Ionex" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, hereby submits its Application for Registration Form ("Application"). Ionex respectfully requests confidential treatment of the financial information contained in the **CONFIDENTIAL** version of its Application. This information should be kept confidential because it concerns the assets and liabilities of Ionex and its parent company, Birch Communications, Inc., neither of which is a publicly traded company. See WAC 480-07-160(2)(c). Ionex, Birch Communications, Inc., and Ionex's affiliates would be harmed by the release of this information because it is private financial information that could be used by competitors to cause competitive harm. This information is not otherwise publicly available. As required by WAC 480-07-160(c), Applicant also submits a **REDACTED** version of the financial documents.

In the event that Ionex's request for confidential treatment is denied, please provide the undersigned with notice of that determination prior to making the financial documents available to the public. Ionex further requests that the Commission stay the release of the financial documents until such time as an application for review of the determination is resolved. Disclosure of the financial documents without affording Ionex an opportunity to contest a finding against confidentiality would prejudice Ionex and render moot any successful appeal.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela F. Collins

Counsel for Ionex Communications North,  
Inc.

Enclosures



**REGISTRATION AND COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION  
OF TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES**

All telecommunications companies must register with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) prior to beginning operations in the state of Washington. Refer to RCW 80.36, WAC 480-121, 480-80, and 480-120.

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Website: [www.wutc.wa.gov](http://www.wutc.wa.gov)

The UTC has a policy of providing equal access to its services. To request this document in alternate formats, please call 360-664-1133.

- Complete the application form.
- Submit these forms via the [Records Center Web portal](#) or e-mail to [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov) as an electronic attachment. UTC encourages electronic submission of filings.
- UTC will issue a registration certificate with an effective date 30 days from the date the completed application is received and approved.

**Include the following:**

- Current Balance Sheet                       Latest Annual Report, if any

**Competitive Classification**

- Applicant is subject to effective competition and requests waiver of regulatory requirements  
Yes    No    outlined in WAC 480-121-063 (1).

**Telecommunications Company Information**

Company Name: Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a:  
Company Mailing Address: 2300 Main Street, Suite 600  
City/State/Zip: Kansas City, MO 64108  
Web Site Address: [www.birch.com](http://www.birch.com)

Unified Business Identification Number (UBI): 602-028-910  
(If you do not know your UBI number or need to request one contact the Department of Licensing at 360-664-1400)

Questions regarding this application should be directed to:

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**Registered Agent** (A Washington Agent is required if the company is located outside Washington State):

Name: Corporation Service Company  
Mailing Address: 300 Deschutes Way, S.W., Suite 304  
City/State/Zip: Turnwater, WA 98501

**Name, address and title of each officer or director (attach additional pages if needed)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
Vincent Oddo	4885 Riverside Drive, Suite 304 Macon, GA 31210	President
Christopher Aversano	4885 Riverside Drive, Suite 304 Macon, GA 31210	Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President
Allan Samson	2300 Main St., Suite 600 Kansas City, MO 64108	Chief Sales & Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President
Edward Jame	4885 Riverside Drive, Suite 304 Macon, GA 31210	Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President
Jerry Hill	4885 Riverside Drive, Suite 304 Macon, GA 31210	Vice President, Chief Information Officer
Christopher Bunce	2300 Main St., Suite 600 Kansas City, MO 64108	Secretary
Holcombe T. Green, Jr.	3060 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 1060 Atlanta, GA 30305	Director

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**Telecommunication services that will be provided (check all that apply):**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Local Exchange Service (Resale) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Data Services         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Calling Cards                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Prepaid Calling Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Alternate Operator Services     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Directory Assistance  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Long Distance Interlata         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | WATS (800/888)        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Long Distance Intralata         |                                     |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other, please specify _____     |                                     |                       |