

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FULLY NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BY:

QWEST CORPORATION

(Telecommunications Company A Name including DBA if applicable)

IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC. DBA BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

(Telecommunications Company B Name including DBA if applicable)

In accordance with WAC 480-07-640, Company A requests approval of a fully negotiated interconnection agreement including any amendment(s), as described below (the Agreement):

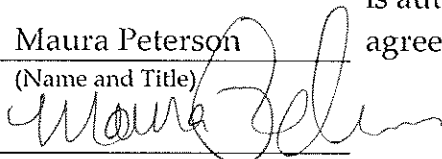
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST AND IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC. DBA BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS

Company A represents that the Agreement does not discriminate against non-party carriers, that it is consistent with state and federal law, and that it is in the public interest. By virtue of Company B's signature on the Agreement, Company A believes that Company B agrees with these representations.

is authorized to file interconnection

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Signature of Authorized Person

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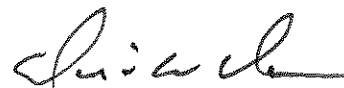
ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

The Commission orders:

- (1) The Agreement, as described above, is approved and effective as of the date of this Order.
- (2) In the event that the parties revise, modify, or amend the Agreement approved in this Order, the revised, modified, or amended agreement will be deemed to be a new agreement under the Telecom Act and must be submitted to the Commission for approval, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1) and relevant provisions of state law, prior to taking effect.
- (3) The laws and regulations of the State of Washington and Commission Orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commissioners, having reviewed the information available in this matter and having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED and signed at Olympia, Washington, this 8th day of February 2011
(Month and Year)



Secretary