BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Services in the State of Utah Docket No. <u>13-2563-01</u>

AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD SLUSHER

| State of Utah |) |
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| |) ss |
| County of Salt Lake |) |

I Ronald Slusher swear or affirm that:

- I am employed by the Division of Public Utilities and have been so employed since May 24, 2004. My current position with the Division is Utility Technical Consultant.
- 2. I was assigned to review the Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch

Communications filed with the Commission on or about March 05, 2013 and Docketed as Docket number 13-2563-01-01.

- I prepared the Division Memorandum to the Commission dated April 04,
 2013 attached to this Affidavit. I conducted the investigation that resulted in the recommendations of the Division.
- 4. The Applicant has filed under Oath the necessary information and documents to satisfy the Commission's Rules and Regulations for issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity.

| 5. | The Division expects that this Applicant will be unopposed and | |
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| | uncontested and therefore, beli | eves that this request can be adjudicated |
| | informally. | Ronald Slusher |
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| On the | e 4th day of April | , 2013, personally appeared before |
| me Ronald Slusher the signer of the within instrument, who duly acknowledged to me | | |
| that he execut | ted the same. | |
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| | | MARIALIE MARTINEZ NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF UTAH My Comm. Exp. 09/18/2016 Commission # 659053 |