BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Notification by Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications and Covista, Inc. of the Transfer of Customers and Assets.

Docket No. <u>13-2563-**0**</u>2

AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD SLUSHER

State of Utah)
) 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 Joint Application for the Transfer of Control of Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications and Covista, Inc. filed with the Commission on April 08, 2013 and Docketed as Docket number 13-2563-01.
- 3. I prepared the Division Memorandum to the Commission dated April 30,2013 attached to this Affidavit. I conducted the investigation that resulted in the recommendations of the Division.
- 4. The Applicants have filed under Oath the necessary information and documents to satisfy the Commission's Rules and Regulations for the Transfer of Control.

5.	The Division expects that this Application will be unopposed and
	uncontested and therefore, believes that this request can be adjudicated
	informally.
	Ronald Slusher

STATE OF UTAH) ss COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

On the 30th day of 4pril, 2013, personally appeared before me **Ronald Slusher** the signer of the within instrument, who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

MARIALIE MARTINEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF UTAH
My Comm. Exp. 09/18/2016
Commission # 659053