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VIA HAND DELIVERY Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

## **Re:** Notice of Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications acquisition of Primus Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Commissioners,

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an original and five copies of the Notice of Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications ("Ionex") (Certificate No. 13-2563-01) and Primus Telecommunications, Inc. ("Primus") of a pending transaction pursuant to which Ionex will acquire certain assets and customers of Primus', a Utah interexchange carrier.

Among the enclosed documents is a draft letter that is intended to go out to all customers nationwide, notifying them of this transaction. Please note that Primus is not a competitive local exchange carrier in Utah, does not hold a certificate of public convenience and necessity in Utah, has no local exchange customers in Utah, and operates in this state only as an interexchange carrier.

This filing is to notify the Public Service Commission of the pending transaction. Ionex and Primus understand that Commission approval of this transaction is not necessary under the Commission's statutes and rules. If the Commission has a different view, or would like more information about this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ William J. Evans

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