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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager
Casey J. Coleman, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: March 17, 2014

Re: In the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications. per Docket No. 14-049-03.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Extension Amendment to the Local Services Platform Agreement.

EXPLANATION:

On or about February 25, 2014, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed the Extension Amendment to the Local Services Platform Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on February 13, 2014 with Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications ("Birch").

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Birch and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

cc: L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
Leia Bates Gatliff, Vice-President of Operations, Birch Communications
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