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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 16, 2018

**Re:** In the Matter of Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications  
Notification of Name Change and Updated Tariffs per Docket No. 18-2563-T01.

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**RECOMMENDATION: Approve Notification**

The Division recommends that the Commission approve Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications' ("Birch") name change and updated tariffs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 12, 2018, Birch filed the updates to its Local and Access Tariffs with the Commission. The tariff was filed as a result of a name change and a corporate structure to a limited liability company approved by the Commission in Docket No. 17-2563-01. The major change of the tariff is the name change to Birch Communications to reflect the corporate restructuring.

The Division has reviewed the tariff and recommends the Commission approve the updated tariff. Birch has requested the filing be effective on March 12, 2018. Although, Birch filed the information as a tariff, the Division believes the Commission will want to approve the document as a price list for a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.

cc: Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General  
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