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Mr. Thomas Dorman, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
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Re: Informational Filing Regarding the Indirect Transfer of Control of Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. to Ionex Telecommunications, Inc. - Completion of Transaction

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Ionex Telecommunications, Inc. ("Ionex"), by its attorneys, hereby informs the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") that, on March 19, 2003, Ionex and Birch Telecom, Inc. ("Birch") completed a transaction whereby Birch became a direct subsidiary of Ionex, and Ionex raised a substantial multimillion dollar investment for use by the merged companies. This parent-level transaction also effected an indirect transfer of control of Birch's wholly owned operating subsidiary, Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. ("Birch South"), which is authorized to provide telecommunications service within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On January 28, 2003, Ionex filed a letter with the Commission informing it of the proposed parent-level transaction and describing the transaction in greater detail.

As a result of the completed transaction, Birch and Ionex are financially stronger than ever, and look forward to continuing their efforts to bring affordable competitive telecommunications service to customers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Moreover, because the transaction occurred solely at the parent company level, there is no resulting change to Birch South, and Birch South continues to provide the same telecommunications services to its customers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the same operating authority. This letter confirms that the contact for customer and Commission inquiries related to Birch South is:

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As noted in the letter previously filed with the Commission, it is our understanding that this parent-level transaction did not require prior approval of the Commission, and we submit this notification solely for informational purposes. Enclosed please find ten (10) copies of this letter, a duplicate, and a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope. Please date-stamp the duplicate upon receipt and return it in the envelope provided. Please feel free to contact the undersigned counsel at (202) 887-1211 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

cc: Jeffrey A. Marks, Counsel for Birch Telecom, Inc.