

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH,)	CASE NO. INX-T-13-01
INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	
NO. 514 TO REFLECT ITS NAME CHANGE)	ORDER NO. 34026
TO IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH,)	
LLC.)	

On March 16, 2018, Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications notified the Commission that it had changed its name to Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications. The Company provides local and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Idaho under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) No. 514. The Company has asked the Commission to update the CPCN to reflect the Company’s new name. With this Order, we grant the Company’s request.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the Commission authorized Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications, to provide local and interexchange telecommunications services in Idaho under CPCN No. 514. *See* Order No. 32809.

The Company has now notified the Commission that it has converted from a corporation to a limited liability company and changed its name to Ionex Communications North, LLC. In its notification, the Company represented that the name change will not affect its rates or services to customers. The Company also filed copies of the Idaho Secretary of State’s Statement of Withdrawal for Ionex Communications North, Inc. and Certificate of Registration for Ionex Communications North, LLC. The Company also filed an updated Local and Interexchange Service Tariff and Access Services Tariff that reflect the Company’s new name, add sequential page numbers, and correct section numbering. The Company asked that the updated tariffs take effect on March 26, 2018.

After reviewing the Company’s proposed changes, Staff recommended that the Commission approve them.

FINDINGS


Based on our review of the Company’s filing and Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds it appropriate to amend CPCN No. 514 to reflect that the Company has changed its name to Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications. Further, as the updates to its Local and Interexchange Service Tariff and Access Services Tariff do not affect customer rates or services but merely make “housekeeping” changes that reflect the Company’s new name and fix page and section numbering, we find it appropriate to approve the updated tariffs as filed.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certificate No. 514 is amended to reflect that the certificate holder’s name is Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications.

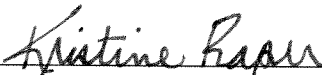
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company’s updated tariffs are approved as filed, effective March 26, 2018.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order in Case No. INX-T-13-01. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code §§ 61-626 and 62-619.*

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  day of April 2018.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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