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Ms. Ilona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue -- 12th Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process Version 2-1  
Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and  
ionex Communications North, Inc. (fka Advanced Communications Group and  
Firstel, Inc.) ("ionex Communications") for the State of North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Please find enclosed for filing for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 an original copy of an Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Batch Hot Cut Process Version 2-1 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and ionex Communications for the State of North Dakota. This Amendment revises the Interconnection Agreement between the parties approved by the Commission on January 27, 1999, Case No. PU-1997-98-558.

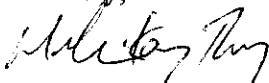
Contact information for ionex Communications is as follows:

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We have also enclosed an extra copy of this filing letter. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it for our files. We will forward an electronic copy of the Amendment to you for posting on the Commission's website.

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Melissa K. Thompson

Enclosures

cc: Gina Buchholtz (w/o encl.)  
Russell C. Merbeth (w/o encl.)