

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH,) CASE NO. INX-T-13-01
LLC. D/B/A BIRCH COMMUNICATIONS TO)
AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC)
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 514) ORDER NO. 34228
TO REFLECT ITS NAME CHANGE TO)
LINGO COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, LLC.)

On December 10, 2018, Ionex Communications North, LLC. dba Birch Communications notified the Commission it had changed its name to Lingo Communications North, LLC. The company provides local and interexchange telecommunications services in Idaho under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) No. 514, as amended. 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 the company, then known as "Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications," to provide local and interexchange telecommunications services in Idaho under CPCN No. 514. *See* Order No. 32809. In 2018, the company notified the Commission it had reorganized from a corporation to a limited liability company, and that it had thus changed its name to "Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications." The company thus asked the Commission to amend CPCN No. 514 to reflect the company's new name. The Commission granted the company's request and amended CPCN No. 514 to reflect that the company would provide services as "Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications." *See* Order No. 34026, and Amended Certificate No. 514.

The company has now notified the Commission it has changed its name from "Ionex Communications North, LLC dba Birch Communications" to "Lingo Communications North, LLC." dba Birch Communications. The company represented that the name change will not affect its rates or services to customers. The company attached its customer notice describing the name change, and the Idaho Secretary of State's Office's Certificate of Amendment of Registration, under which the company is authorized to transact business in Idaho as Lingo Communications North, LLC.

Last, the company included replacement tariffs. The company explained the residential and business services described in existing Tariff No. 3 (Local and Interexchange Services Tariff) would be separately described in new Tariff No. 5 (Residential Local and Interexchange Tariff) and new Tariff No. 6 (Business Local and Interexchange Tariff). Also, existing Tariff No. 4 (Switched Access Tariff) would be replaced by new Tariff No. 7 (Switched Access Tariff). The company explained the new tariffs reflect the company's new name, and update page numbers and sections, but otherwise contain the same rates, terms, and conditions as the old tariffs. The company asked that the new tariffs take effect on December 31, 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 again amend CPCN No. 514 to reflect that the company has changed its name to Lingo Communications North, LLC. Further, as the replacement tariffs—new Local and Interexchange Service Tariffs Nos. 5 and 6 and new Switched Access Service Tariff No. 7—do not affect customer rates or services but merely make “housekeeping” changes, we find it appropriate to approve them as filed.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Amended Certificate No. 514 is further amended to reflect that the certificate holder's name is Lingo Communications North, LLC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the company's updated tariffs are approved as filed, effective December 31, 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.

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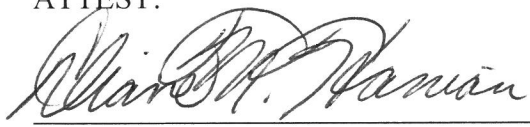
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this th 10 day
of January 2019.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER


ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

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