

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Ionex Communications,) File No. CD-2021-0235
Inc. d/b/a Birch Communication's Request) File No. XD-2021-0236
for Cancellation of Certificates of Service) Tariff Nos. JC-2008-0582,
Authority) JX-2008-0583, & JX-2008-0584

ORDER CANCELLING CERTIFICATES OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE AUTHORITY AND APPLICABLE TARIFF

Issue Date: February 26, 2021

Effective Date: March 8, 2021

On January 22, 2021, Ionex Communications, Inc., d/b/a Birch Communications ("Ionex") filed a Request for Cancellation of Certificate of Service Authority (Request) effective December 31, 2020. Ionex provides resold and facilities-based local telecommunications services and intrastate interexchange telecommunications service under the name of Ionex. Ionex requested cancellation of its certificates of service authority and any tariffs on file. On February 4, 2021, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on the Request.

The Staff's recommendation states that Ionex's Request complies with the requirements of Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-28.011(3), Ionex no longer has any customers, and Ionex has ceased operations in Missouri. Staff recommended the Commission issue an order cancelling the certificates of service authority and associated tariffs.

The Commission need not hold a hearing if none is requested after due notice and opportunity to intervene.¹ No one has requested a hearing. The Commission has

¹*State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

the authority to cancel a certificate of service authority pursuant to Section 392.410.5, RSMo 2016. The Commission will grant Ionex's Request.

Commission orders take effect in thirty days unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.² This order will be made effective in ten days to promptly implement the cancellation request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The certificates of service authority and the applicable tariffs, JC-2008-0582 (PSC MO No. 3 – CLEC); JX-2008-0584 (PSC MO No. 2 – IXC); and JX-2008-0583 (PSC MO No. 4 - IXC) of Ionex Communications, Inc., d/b/a Birch Communications are cancelled.

2. This order shall be effective on March 8, 2021.

3. This file shall be closed on March 9, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 26th day of February, 2021.

² Section 386.490.2, RSMo 2016.