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**Re: Consolidated Historically Underutilized Business Report on behalf of Birch
Telecom of Texas Ltd., L.L.P. and Ionex Communications South, Inc.,
Docket No. 28690**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We respectfully request an extension of time until January 15, 2004, to file the above-referenced report. In the absence of a response, we will assume that there is no problem with our having that additional time.

We would appreciate the copy of this letter included herewith being stamped with your acknowledgement and returned to us in the envelope provided.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Barbara P. Fillinger
Sr. Manager, Regulatory Compliance