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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:

Previously, we requested an extension of time until January 15, 2004, to file the above-referenced report. At this time, we respectfully request an additional extension of time to January 22, 2004 to file this 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

Enclosures