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**VIA E-DOCKET**

Ms. Patty VanGerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-3201

RE: Covista, Inc.  
Voluntary Cancellation of Authority

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

Please accept this letter as Covista, Inc. f/k/a TotalTel, Inc.'s ("Covista") request to voluntarily cancel its Certificate of of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Services in South Dakota granted in Order TC03-085 on June 26, 2003, and its Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services granted in Order TC97-187 on April 17, 1998, and its current effective tariff.

The proposed cancellation will have no adverse effect since Covista no longer has any customers. On March 25, 2013, Covista transferred its assets and customer base to Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications.

Enclosed please find an extra copy of this letter to be date-stamped and returned to me in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: Warren Feldman