

**EXHIBIT A**

**COMTEL TELCOM ASSETS LP**

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of the Joint Application of Comtel     )  
Telecom Assets LP and VarTec Telecom, Inc.,     )  
Excel Telecommunications, Inc., and VarTec     ) **Case No. TM-2006-0186**  
Solutions, Inc., for Approval of a Transfer of     )  
Assets.     )

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: November 8, 2005

Effective Date: November 8, 2005

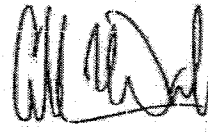
-On November 2, 2005, Comtel Telecom Assets LP and VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc., and VarTec Solutions, Inc. (together, the "VarTec Companies"), filed a joint application for authority to complete the acquisition by Comtel of certain assets of the VarTec Companies. Comtel also requests that the Commission transfer the VarTec Companies' certificates of service authority to provide basic local and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services to Comtel. In the alternative, Comtel requests that the Commission grant it new certificates of service authority.

The Commission notes that Comtel's Application for Consent to Transfer Assets does not comply with the Commission's rule, 4 CSR 240-3.510, regarding applications for certificates of service authority to provide telecommunications services. The Commission will direct Comtel to file a separate application for certificates of service authority in accordance with that rule. That application shall be filed as a new case.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That no later than November 22, 2005, Comtel Telcom Assets LP shall file an application for certificates of service authority in compliance with this order. As noted above, that application shall be filed as a new case.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 8, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 8th day of November, 2005.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,  
Missouri, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005 .**



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**Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**November 08, 2005**

**Case No. TM-2006-0186**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).***

***Sincerely,***



***Colleen M. Dale  
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