

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)
Solutions, Inc., for Approval of a Transfer of)
Assets.)

Case No. TM-2006-0186

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: December 16, 2005

Effective Date: December 16, 2005

On November 8, 2005, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file, no later than November 28, 2005, either its recommendation and memorandum or a status report indicating the date it anticipates making such filing. Staff filed its status report on November 28, 2005, noting that it anticipates filing its recommendation in this case concurrent with the filing of its recommendation in a related case, TA-2006-0214, which involves the company's application for a certificate of service authority. Staff does not, however, state when it anticipates filing its recommendation in that related case.

The Commission will therefore direct Staff to file another status report indicating the progress of both cases and the date upon which Staff anticipates filing its recommendation and memorandum in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than December 27, 2005, the Commission's Staff shall file a status report as directed above.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 16, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

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 16th day of December, 2005.