

**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: November 3, 2005

Effective Date: November 3, 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. To facilitate its timely consideration of this matter, the Commission will direct its Staff to promptly file either (1) Staff’s recommendation and memorandum, or (2) a report regarding the status of Staff’s review of the application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That no later than November 28, 2005, the Staff of the Commission shall file either its recommendation and memorandum or a status report as directed above.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 3, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

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 3rd day of November, 2005.