



VarTec Telecom, Inc.

February 11, 2003

**VIA FACSIMILE AND
VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary & Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor's Office Building
200 Madison Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: Tariff File No. JX-2003-1355
VarTec Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Clear Choice Communications®

Dear Mr. Roberts:


Transmitted herewith on behalf of VarTec Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Clear Choice Communications® ("Clear Choice") is an original and three (3) copies of this letter regarding a tariff filing made on January 21, 2003, in which the Company proposed among other changes, to introduce a monthly usage fee to two of its product offerings. On February 3, 2003, the Office of Public Counsel filed a motion to suspend the tariff for evidentiary and public hearings. The motion stated that the tariff failed to disclose the purpose of the usage charge and lacked the required summary that discloses the effect of the proposed tariff.

On February 7, 2003, Commission staff issued a response in the above-referenced matter, indicating that Clear Choice, as a competitive company, complied with Section 392.500.2 RSMo. 2000, which permits increases in rates with a tariff filing and notice to customers at least ten (10) days prior to implementation. Commission staff further noted that nothing in the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion indicated that the proposed service charges reached the threshold to warrant Commission intervention to regulate billing structure of a competitively classified company. In a subsequent Order issued by the Commission on February 7, 2003, it was noted that VarTec Telecom, Inc. was delinquent in paying its quarterly assessment. The Company became aware of this delinquency prior to the Commission's Order and had taken action to remedy the delinquency. Enclosed please find a copy of a check in the amount of \$13,163.88 which was sent to the Commission via regular mail on February 7, 2003, as a payment for the regulatory fees. The Company apologizes that this payment was not remitted by the original due date.

Clear Choice believes that it has complied with Section 392.500.2 RSMo. 2000 regarding the tariff filing subject to this matter by notifying customers of the proposed monthly usage charges. Further, Clear Choice has remedied the delinquent quarterly assessments referenced in the Commission staff's recommendation. Clear Choice prays for the Commission's relief in this matter and respectfully requests Commission approval of these proposed tariff revisions.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this letter are requested. Please return the attached copy of this correspondence in the self addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided. Please direct any future inquiries or correspondence directly to the undersigned at (214) 424-1713 or at the above-referenced address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Boaitey', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ben Boaitey
Regulatory Analyst

Enclosures

cc: Michael F. Dandino, Senior Public Counsel
200 Madison Street, Box 7800
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Kevin Allen
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

INVOICE NO.	INVOICE DATE	INVOICE AMOUNT	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNT TAKEN
FFEE020403	02/05/03	13,163.88	13,163.88	0.00
			NET AMOUNT TOTAL	\$13,163.88

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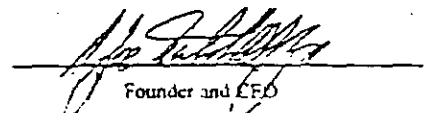
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Regions Bank
Milton, FL
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CHECK NUMBER: 3505900

CHECK DATE
06-FEB-03CHECK AMOUNT
\$*****13,163.88***PAY THE SUM OF:
Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars And 88 Cents****

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

PAY TO THE ORDER OF:
MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
ATTN: INTERNAL ACCOUNTING DEPT
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