BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 29, 2005

Effective Date: December 29, 2005

On December 16, 2005, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file, no later than December 27, 2005, either its recommendation and memorandum or a status report indicating the date it anticipates making such filing. Staff filed its status report on December 27, 2005, indicating that it anticipates filing the recommendation no later than January 26, 2006. In order to facilitate the timely resolution of this matter, the Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation and memorandum no later than January 26, 2006.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than January 26, 2006, the Commission's Staff shall file its recommendation and memorandum in this matter.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 29, 2005.



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of December, 2005.