



VarTec Telecom, Inc.

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**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION AND
OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street, Northeast
Number 215
Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

Re: Request for Expedited Review

Dear Sir or Madam:

Comtel Telecom Assets LP ("Comtel"), VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec Solutions, Inc. (together, the "VarTec Companies") (collectively, the "Applicants") hereby submit this request for expedited review of their Applications for Transfer of Certificate of Authority to Provide Competitive Telecommunications Services in Oregon. In said applications the VarTec Companies seek to transfer their existing certificates to Comtel. The support for this request for expedited review is discussed below:

Time is of the essence with the transaction given that the VarTec Companies are in bankruptcy and the bankrupt estate must remain open, incurring the significant economic burden of additional daily administrative costs, pending the resolution of the Commission's determination on the above-noted applications. In addition to the applications, the Applicants have provided the Commission, customers and other relevant parties with the required 90-day notice of the proposed transfer. The notice period is set to expire in just four weeks on May 19, 2006, and the Applicants have planned their nationwide closing of the related asset sale transaction for the following Monday, May 22nd. Given the bankruptcy context, the Applicants believe that expedited review and approval by the Commission are warranted to allow the transaction to close on the planned date, thereby eliminating the bankruptcy estate costs.

The Applicants genuinely appreciate your efforts on their behalf and look forward the prompt approval of the requested relief. Please direct all communication regarding this filing to the undersigned directly at (972) 478-3309 or at bgipson@vartec.net.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Becky Gipson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Becky Gipson
Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Celeste Hari
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
(Via e-mail)