

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF COMTEL TELCOM ASSETS LP TO ) CASE NO. CTA-T-06-1  
TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC )  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 399 )  
FROM VARTEC TELECOM, INC. TO ) ORDER NO. 30039  
COMTEL TELCOM ASSETS LP )**

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On December 13, 2005, Comtel Telcom Assets LP (Comtel) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and a Joint Notice of Asset Transfer of Comtel with VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc., and VarTec Solutions, Inc. This Application was modified on January 5, 2006, to request Commission approval of the transfer of CPCN No. 399 from VarTec Telecom, Inc., issued on June 17, 2002, Case No. GNR-T-01-20, to Comtel. The amended filing included three new price lists and four revised cover pages to reflect the new name of Comtel Telcom Assets LP.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Based on its review of the Company's Application, the name change documentation, the revised price lists, and the revised customer billing information, Staff determined that Comtel is compliant with the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Idaho statutes regarding the requirements for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Staff recommended approval of the Company's Application.

**COMMISSION FINDINGS**

Based upon the comments and the record in this case, the Commission grants the Company's Application. When considering an application for a Certificate, the Commission must determine if the applicant has the necessary qualifications to provide service while still fostering competition in the local telecommunications market. Based upon our review of the filing and the record in this case, the Commission finds that the request to transfer VarTec's Certificate is essentially a corporate structure name change, that this change does not appear to effect individual customer service in any way, and that the Application satisfies the requirements of the Commission's Rules and Procedural Order No. 26665. Thus, we approve the Company's Application to transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This is consistent

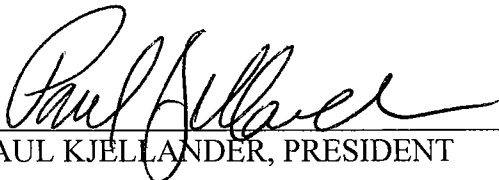
with our previous Orders granting authority to provide telecommunications services to carriers meeting the established requirements.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 399 issued to VarTec Telecom, Inc. to provide competitive telecommunications services within the State of Idaho is transferred to Comtel Telcom Assets LP.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

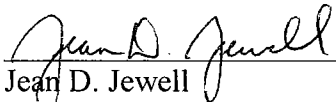
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006.

  
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PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

  
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MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
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DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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