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VarTec Telecom, Inc.

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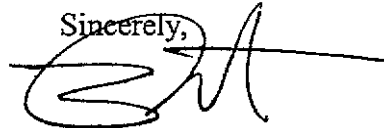
Re: Docket No. 01-2536-TP-ACE - Certificate of Good Standing
Application of VarTec Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide
Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services

Dear Ms. Cockrin:

On October 1, 2001, VarTec Telecom, Inc. ("VarTec") filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Ohio. In its application, VarTec mentioned that upon receipt of a Certificate of Good Standing from Ohio's Office of the Secretary of State, VarTec would supplement its application with such certificate.

Enclosed please find an original and seven (7) copies of the Company's certificate of Good Standing issued October 9, 2001. This certificate verifies that VarTec is qualified to do business in the State of Ohio and is currently in good standing in the State of Ohio.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this filing are respectfully requested. Please date and file stamp copy of this correspondence (attached) and return it in the self-addressed postage prepaid envelope provided. Please direct all correspondence regarding this filing to the undersigned directly at (214) 424-6680. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Aviles
Regulatory Project Specialist

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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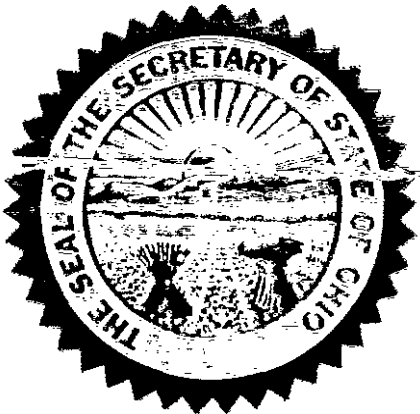


I, J. Kenneth Blackwell, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign corporations; that said records show VARTEC TELECOM, INC., a Texas corporation, having qualified to do business within the State of Ohio on December 8, 1992, under License No. 832983, and said corporation is currently in GOOD STANDING upon the records of this office.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

at Columbus, Ohio on

October 9, 2001



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Kenneth Blackwell".

J. Kenneth Blackwell
Secretary of State