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Mr. Larry D. Callison Verizon South Inc. Post Office Box 1650 Lexington, Kentucky 40588-1650

VarTec Telecom, Inc. dba VarTec Telecom Attention: Ms. Melissa Smith 1600 Viceroy Drive, 4th Floor Dallas, Texas 75235-2306

Re:

Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by Verizon South Inc.

and VarTec Telecom, Inc. dba VarTec Telecom, Pursuant to Sections 251, 252

and 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 -- PSC No. 00448

## Gentlemen:

This is to notify you that Commission Staff has completed its review of your agreement submitted on December 20, 2001, and has concluded that it is in compliance with federal and state law and with previous Commission orders. Accordingly, it is unnecessary for Staff to refer this matter for formal Commission action. The agreement will be maintained in this office and, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252, shall be effective on March 18, 2002.

If you have not already done so, the Commission requests that Verizon submit the subject agreement in Microsoft® Word 97 format on 3.5-inch high-density diskette.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Howell Brady at Extension 265.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Dorman Executive Director

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