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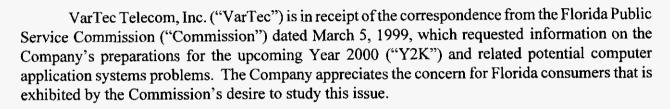
March 17, 1999

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Mr. Ray Kennedy Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Dear Mr. Kennedy:



VarTec provides competitive and quality services on a consistent basis for its customers throughout the United States. The Company has determined that its switching technology, billing system, and payroll and accounting systems require Y2K compliance. Based on representations made by the Company's software vendors, VarTec believes that its accounting and payroll systems are Y2K compliant. The necessary hardware and software upgrades for the Company's billing system have been ordered, received and are currently being implemented and tested to ensure Y2K compliance on or before June 30, 1999. Software upgrades for the Company's switching technology have been ordered, and some have been received. All upgrades will be implemented and tested to ensure Y2K compliance on or before June 30, 1999.

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(attached) and return it in the pre-addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided. Please direct any future questions or inquiries regarding this correspondence to the undersigned at telephone number (972) 230-7330 or at the Company's principal address.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Goldston

Regulatory Analyst and Y2K Committee Member

cc: Y2K Coordinator

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Re: Y2K Preparation and Readiness

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

VarTec Telecom, Inc. ("VarTec") is in receipt of the correspondence from the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") dated March 5, 1999, which requested information on the Company's preparations for the upcoming Year 2000 ("Y2K") and related potential computer application systems problems. The Company appreciates the concern for Florida consumers that is exhibited by the Commission's desire to study this issue.

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VarTec is aware of the Y2K issue and is monitoring the Company's internal progress as well as the progress of its vendors/suppliers. The Company certifies that it is VarTec's intent to be more than adequately equipped to provide service to its customers without interruption (related to the Y2K issue) into and beyond the Y2K.

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