BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2010-141-C, 1990-517-C, 2005-98-C, and 2005-342-C
ORDER NO. 2010-412

JUNE 4, 2010

IN RE:	Docket No. 2010-141-C – Joint Application of Comtel Telcom Assets, LP and Matrix Telecom, Incorporated for Approval of the Transfer of Assets and Customers from Comtel Telcom Assets, LP to Matrix Telecom, Incorporated And Docket No. 1990-517-C – Application of Telecom, Incorporated d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services (f/k/a: Matrix Telecom d/b/a Phone$Save) Docket No. 2005-98-C – Application of Matrix Telecom, Incorporated d/b/a Matrix Business Technologies d/b/a Trinsic Communications for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Resell Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of South Carolina Docket No. 2005-342-C – Application of Comtel Telcom Assets LP d/b/a/ VarTec Telecom, Clear Choice Communications, Excel Telecommunications and VarTec Solutions for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Interexchange and Local Exchange Telecommunications Services, for Flexible Regulatory Treatment, Alternative Regulation and for Approval to Acquire Certain Assets of VarTec Telecom, Incorporated, Excel Telecommunications, Incorporated and VarTec Solutions, Incorporated	)	ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND CUSTOMERS

This matter, under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310 (Supp. 2009), comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the application of Comtel Telcom Assets, LP ("Comtel") and Matrix Telecom, Inc. ("Matrix") (jointly "Applicants") to transfer assets and customers from Comtel to Matrix. The proposed transfer is expected to close during the second quarter of this year. Associated with this request, the Applicants also seek waiver of anti-slamming rules as specific written notice will be provided to Comtel's customers via First Class mail at least 30 days prior to the anticipated closing date. In addition, since Matrix will hold Comtel's assets and assume Comtel's telecommunications operations in South Carolina, Comtel requests that its certificate of public convenience and necessity and associated tariffs be cancelled upon notification to the Commission that the transaction has been completed. General public notice of this matter was published in *The Greenville News* newspaper on April 14, 2010, and in *The State* newspaper on April 15, 2010. There is no opposition to the requests.

Comtel is authorized to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services by Order No. 2006-107 (February 15, 2006) in Docket No. 2005-342-C. Matrix is authorized to provide resold interexchange services by Order No. 1990-1176 (December 19, 1990) in Docket No. 90-517-C, local exchange services by Order No. 2005-449 (August 25, 2005) in Docket No. 2005-98-C, and facilities-based local exchange and exchange access services by Order No. 2007-237 (April 5, 2007) in Docket No. 2005-98-C.

According to the application, the proposed transfer will result in Matrix becoming the service provider for Comtel's current customers. The rates, terms, and conditions of the services received by these customers will not change. Moreover, the Applicants state

the transaction will serve the public interest by ensuring that the assigned customers enjoy continuity of high-quality telecommunications service and will be served by carriers with significant technical, managerial, and financial resources. The Applicants also state the proposed transfer will be virtually transparent to the customers of Comtel in terms of the services that those customers receive, and Matrix will ensure that the customers continue to receive uninterrupted interstate and international services.

We find that the Application is unopposed. We also find that the transfer of assets and customers from Comtel to Matrix is in the public interest for the reasons stated above.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The transfer of assets and customers from Comtel to Matrix is approved.

2. After the Applicants notify the Commission that the transfer has been completed, Comtel's certificate and tariffs will be cancelled.

3. Specific to the facts of this Order and to the extent the Commission has jurisdiction, anti-slamming rules are waived.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John E. Howard

John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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