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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Philip J. Powlick, Director Bill Duncan, Manager, Telecommunications Paul M. Anderson, Technical Consultant

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Comtel, d/b/a Vartec Telecom per Docket No. 08-049-44

RECOMMENDATION: acknowledge receipt

ISSUES:

On August 8, 2008, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed the Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1)(d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on August 5, 2008 with Comtel, d/b/a Vartec Telecom. Comtel's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was approved by the Commission on January 27, 2006 in Docket No. 05-2463-01.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between Qwest and Comtel and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Interconnection Agreement.

cc: L.T. Christensen, Director, Interconnection Compliance, Qwest Deena Falk, Comtel Telcom Michael Ginsberg, Assistant Attorney General

