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**COMMON CARRIER BUREAU GRANTS SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION FOR
VARTEC TELECOM HOLDING COMPANY TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF EXCEL
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND ITS WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES, EXCEL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., EMERITUS COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A DIAL &
SAVE CORPORATION, AND LONG DISTANCE WHOLESALE CLUB, INC.**

CC Docket No. 01-300

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.01, the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) approves the application requesting consent for VarTec Telecom Holding Company ("VarTec") to acquire control of Excel Communications, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Excel Telecommunications, Inc., Emeritus Communications, Inc. d/b/a Dial & Save Corporation, and Long Distance Wholesale Club, Inc., which provide domestic interstate services pursuant to section 214 authority.¹ No comments or petitions to deny were received in response to the public notice announcing that the application was accepted for filing.²

¹ See VarTec Telecom Holding Company and Teleglobe Holdings (U.S.) Corporation, Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Excel Communications, Inc., and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Excel Telecommunications, Inc., Emeritus Communications, Inc. d/b/a Dial and Save Corporation, and Long Distance Wholesale Club, Inc., CC Docket No. 01-300 (filed Oct. 3, 2001). VarTec and Teleglobe Holdings filed separate applications for its international authorizations, which have already been granted. See *International Authorizations Granted, Public Notice*, DA No. 01-2666, Report No. TEL-00462 (rel. Nov. 15, 2001) (File Nos. ITC-T/C-20011009-00528, ITC-T/C-20011010-00529, ITC-T/C-20011010-00530).

² See Commission Seeks Comment on Application Filed by VarTec Telecom Holding Company and Teleglobe Holdings (U.S.) Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Excel Communications, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Excel Telecommunications, Inc., Emeritus Communications, Inc. d/b/a Dial & Save Corporation, and Long Distance Wholesale Club, Inc., *Public Notice*, DA 01-2417 (rel. Oct. 30, 2001).

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization. Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon release of this Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

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