

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of CLEC, Inc., for)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic)
Local, Local Exchange, and Interexchange) Case No. _____
Telecommunications Services Throughout the State)
of Missouri and to Classify the Company as)
Competitive)

APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comes now CLEC, Inc. ("CLEC"), and pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.085, moves for a protective order seeking confidential treatment of financial statements filed by CLEC with its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority. In support of the Application, CLEC states the following:

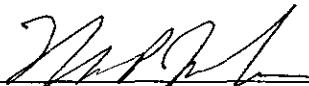
1. CLEC incorporates by reference relevant information from its Application for a Certificate Authority, filed with the Commission on the same date as this captioned Application.
2. As part of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority, CLEC filed certain financial statements in Exhibit D to that Application. CLEC requests that the Commission designate those financial statements as confidential and prohibit their dissemination to members of the public, in light of the competitively sensitive information contained in those financial statements.
3. CLEC believes that competitors in the telecommunications industry could derive from the financial statements information unfairly useful to their competitive efforts. Disclosure of the information to the public and to CLEC's competitors could damage CLEC's ability to compete in the Missouri marketplace. In addition, CLEC is not aware that the information contained in Exhibit D can be found in any other public documents. As such, CLEC requests

that the Commission grant confidential status of Exhibit D of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

Wherefore, CLEC, Inc. requests that the Commission grant its Application for a protective order seeking confidential treatment of the financial statements contained in Exhibit D of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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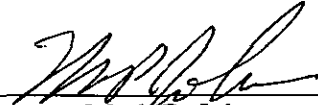
VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS:
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

COMES NOW Mark P. Johnson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, who swears and affirms as follows:

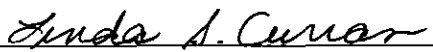
1. My name is Mark P. Johnson, and I am an attorney for CLEC, Inc. ("Applicant"). In that capacity, I am authorized to verify the statements contained in the Application above, and the information contained therein, on behalf of Applicant.

2. The information contained in the above-described document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



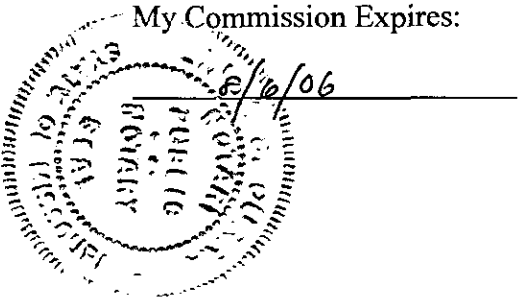
Mark P. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December, 2005.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed,
postage prepaid, this 21st day of December, 2005, to:

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