

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Northeast Missouri Rural)	
Telephone Company,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. IC-2008-0285</u>
)	
AT&T Corporation)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE MOTION AS HIGHLY
CONFIDENTIAL

Issue Date: August 22, 2008

Effective Date: August 22, 2008

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company has filed a complaint against AT&T Corporation. On August 8, 2008, Northeast filed a pleading entitled Motion for an Order Permitting Northeast to file Motion for Summary Disposition with Highly Confidential Designation. That motion explains that Northeast would like to file a motion for summary disposition regarding AT&T's asserted affirmative defense of accord and satisfaction, or settlement. That motion would include details of settlement negotiations about which Northeast and AT&T signed a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement. Northeast proposes to avoid violating that non-disclosure agreement by filing its motion as highly confidential.

On August 22, AT&T filed a response indicating its agreement to Northeast's proposal. AT&T asks that its response to Northeast's motion for summary determination, as well as any further pleadings regarding that issue also be treated as highly confidential.

Northeast's proposal is a reasonable way to protect information the parties believe to be highly confidential. The Commission will grant the motion.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company's Motion for an Order Permitting Northeast to File Motion for Summary Disposition with Highly Confidential Designation is granted.

2. Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company may file its Motion for Summary Disposition with respect to AT&T Corporation's defense of accord and satisfaction, or settlement, as a highly confidential document.

3. AT&T Corporation may file its response to Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company's motion as a highly confidential document. Furthermore, any additional pleadings on that matter may also be filed as highly confidential.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of August, 2008.