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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DEC - 6 2000

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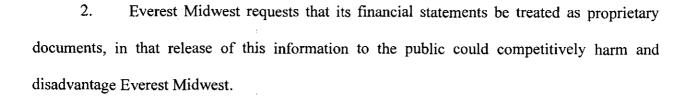
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EVEREST MIDWEST LICENSEE LLC FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE AND NON-SWITCHED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Case No. TA - 2001 - 350

MOTION OF EVEREST MIDWEST LICENSEE LLC FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Comes now Everest Midwest Licensee LLC ("Everest Midwest"), and moves the Commission pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.080(13), to issue a protective order in this matter with respect to Everest Midwest's financial information provided in Confidential Exhibit C to its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority and for Competitive Classification. In support of its motion, Everest Midwest states as follows:

1. In its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority and for Competitive Classification, Everest Midwest seeks Commission authority to provide basic local telecommunications, local exchange telecommunications, and interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis in Missouri. In support of its Application, Everest Midwest has filed Confidential Exhibit C, which contains competitively sensitive information concerning Everest Midwest's financial condition.



3. The financial statements are private and confidential financial and business information and, therefore, constitute proprietary information entitled to protection from disclosure under 4 C.S.R. 240-2.080(13).

WHEREFORE, Everest Midwest Licensee LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order in this proceeding with respect to the financial statements attached to Everest Midwest Licensee LLC's Application as Confidential Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss. COUNTY OF JACKSON)

COMES NOW Lisa C. Creighton, being of lawful age and duly sworn, swears and affirms as follows:

- 1. My name is Lisa C. Creighton, and I am an attorney for Everest Midwest Licensee LLC. In that capacity, I am authorized to verify this Motion and the information contained therein on behalf of Everest Midwest Licensee LLC.
- 2. The information contained in the Motion is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lisa C. Creighton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $5^{\frac{14}{2}}$ day of Mercenter, 2000.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

CARMEN M. WESSON Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Clay County My Commission Expires: March 23, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this $\underline{\mathcal{T}}$ day of $\underline{\mathcal{Deutber}}$, 2000, two true and correct copies of the above and foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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