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**Re: Northwest Missouri Holdings, Inc. and
Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company**

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and eight (8) copies of a Joint Application of Northwest Missouri Holdings, Inc. to acquire all of the capital stock of Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. Also enclosed for filing is an original and eight (8) copies of a Motion for Protective Order.

A copy of this filing is being provided to the General Counsel and Office of the Public Counsel.

Would you please see that this filing is brought to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

W.R. England III
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Enclosures

cc: General Counsel
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the matter of the Joint Application)
of Northwest Missouri Holdings, Inc.)
and Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone)
Company for an order authorizing) Case No. _____
Northwest Missouri Holdings, Inc.)
to purchase or acquire, take or hold all of)
the issued and outstanding capital stock)
of Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone)
Company.)

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW Northwest Missouri Holdings, Inc. ("Northwest") and Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company ("Oregon Farmers") (sometimes collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants"), by counsel, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, and, for its motion for issuance of the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") standard-form protective order, states as follows:


1. Concurrently with this motion, Joint Applicants have filed a Joint Application seeking authority from the Commission for Northwest to purchase all of the capital stock of Oregon Farmers and for both parties to perform in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement entered into by the parties.
2. In this Joint Application, Joint Applicants will file proprietary company-specific information in the Stock Purchase Agreement and schedules that may include competitive pricing information, employee-specific information, and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. None of the information can be found in any other public document, and public disclosure of the referenced material which the Commission's

Staff, the Office of Public Counsel, and/or Intervenors may seek in discovery may tend to harm the interests of the Company, its employees, and its customers.

3. Therefore, because there is a potential for public disclosure of confidential or proprietary information without a protective order in place, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue in this case its standard-form protective order containing classifications of "highly confidential" and "proprietary."

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, requests that the Commission: (a) issue the Commission's standard-form protective order containing classifications of "highly confidential" and "proprietary" to guide the parties' conduct in this case; and (b) grant such further relief as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered or mailed, United States Mail, postage prepaid, this 9th day of March, 2004, to:

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