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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APR 2 7 2000 OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	Service Commission
ONSITE ACCESS LOCAL, LLC	Case No. TA - 2000-692
for a Certificate of Service Authority to)	
Provide Resold and Facilities-based)	
Intrastate Interexchange and Non-Switched)	
Local Exchange Telecommunications)	
Services in the State of Missouri and to	
Classify Said Services as Competitive)	

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Introduction

OnSite Access Local, LLC. ("OnSite" or "Movant"), by its attorneys and pursuant to 4 CSR § 240-2.085 hereby files this Motion for a Protective Order ("Motion") in the above-captioned proceedings. OnSite submits this Motion for the purpose of seeking the confidential treatment of certain commercially-sensitive financial information which is filed together with this Motion under confidential seal and which is further referred to as *Exhibit 3* to its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Telecommunications within the State of Missouri ("Interexchange Application").

In support of this Motion, OnSite states the following:

I. <u>DESCRIPTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u>

1. To demonstrate its financial ability to provide interexchange services, OnSite is prepared to offer a copy of the consolidated financial statements of the predecessor entities of OnSite Access, Inc., OnSite's parent, for a three year period ending in 1999. OnSite's parent company was originally formed on July 5, 1996, under the name Veritech Ventures LLC. Effective May 18, 1998, the parent company was reorganized under the name OnSite Ventures LLC (see 1998 financial

statements, note 1). On June 30, 1999, OnSite Ventures LLC was merged into a newly formed corporation under the name OnSite Access, Inc. (id., note 9). These documents are specifically referred to as *Exhibit 3* to the Interexchange Application.

II. GROUNDS FOR CLAIM OF PROTECTIVE TREATMENT

- 4. OnSite seeks to protect the information contained in *Exhibit 3* because its financial statements contain highly-confidential and strictly-proprietary information, the public disclosure of which potentially may result in direct and immediate harm to the competitive position of OnSite in Missouri and elsewhere.
- 5. Because the Company's financial statements contain confidential and commerciallysensitive information from which its competitors may derive economic value, OnSite actively seeks
 to protect such material from public disclosure. OnSite derives independent economic value from
 the fact that significant and proprietary information regarding the Company's financial structure and
 current financing activities is unknown to its competitors. Given this fact, the disclosure of this
 information could provide existing and potential competitors, including competitive local exchange
 carriers ("CLECs"), incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs"), independent local exchange
 carriers, and interexchange carriers ("IXCs") in Missouri, as well as in other states in which OnSite
 provides or intends to provide telecommunication services, with an unfair and undeserved
 competitive advantage over OnSite and its affiliates.
- 6. OnSite is a privately-held limited liability company presently immune from a legal obligation to prepare or submit financial statements to any public entity. As such, the financial statements set forth in the *Exhibit 3* to OnSite's Application are not readily ascertainable by persons external to the Company, and none of the information for which this claim of confidentiality is made

may be found in any format in any other public document.

III. <u>Conclusion</u>

8. The information for which confidential treatment is sought in this Motion is both private and competitively-sensitive. The direct harm that could be caused to OnSite as a result of any such disclosure is real and not speculative. For all of these reasons, OnSite's financial statements should be protected from public disclosure.

WHEREFORE, OnSite Access Local, LLC. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Protective Order with respect to *Exhibit 3* of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Interexchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Telecommunications within the State of Missouri.

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 sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to Office of Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, MO 65102, and General Counsel, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102 on this day of April, 2000.

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