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The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: PAETEC Communications, Inc.

Dear Judge Roberts:

Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matter the original and five copies of an Application for Certification of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Services and for Competitive Classification. I also enclose the original and five copies of a Motion for Protective Order concerning Exhibit C to the Application.

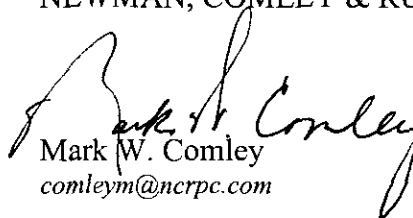
Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel
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**BEFORE THE
MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Service Commission

In the Matter of the Application of)
PAETEC Communications, Inc. for)
a Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Basic Local Telecommunications)
Service in the State of Missouri)
and to classify said services and the)
company as competitive.)

Case No. _____

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

COMES NOW PAETEC Communications, Inc. ("PAETEC") and hereby moves the Missouri Public Service Commission, by its undersigned counsel and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085, to issue a Protective Order covering the attached financial information which is submitted under seal in the above captioned matter. Concurrently with this filing, PAETEC has filed an Application with the Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Exchange Telecommunications Service and for Competitive Classification ("Application").

In connection with that Application, PAETEC is providing (as Exhibit C to the Application) confidential financial statements in order to demonstrate that PAETEC has the financial resources necessary to provide basic local telecommunications service in the State of Missouri. In support of this motion, PAETEC states as follows:

1. PAETEC intends to provide telecommunications services that are highly competitive.
2. In support of its Application, PAETEC is providing confidential financial statements.
3. The financial statements submitted as Exhibit C to its Application are not generally available to the public. Further, none of the financial information provided in the financial statements can be found in any format in any other public document.

4. PAETEC considers and treats these financial statements as confidential, proprietary and non-public commercial information.

5. Disclosure of the financial statements would be extremely detrimental and could be used by PAETEC's competitors to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Moreover, competitors at any level possessing such information would find it of great economic value in devising their own business plans and, in many cases, could use such information to structure their plans in such a way as to undercut or materially affect PAETEC's competitive positions.

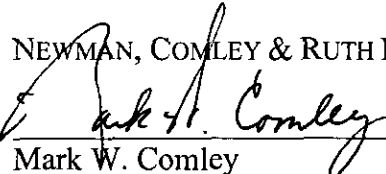
6. Due to the sensitive nature of the information, the potential harm from disclosure of the financial information outweighs the public's interest in disclosure of the information.

WHEREFORE, PAETEC Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant it a Protective Order permitting PAETEC to file the attached financial statements under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

NEWMAN, COMLEY & RUTH P.C.

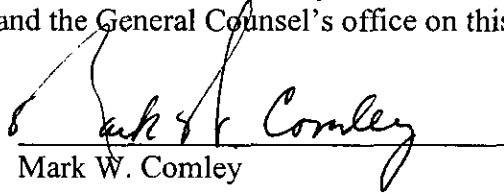
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been sent by electronic mail, or hand delivered, to the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel's office on this 31st day of August, 2004.


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