

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Big River)
Telephone Company, LLC to Expand Its)
Certificate of Basic Local Service Authority)
to Include Provision of Basic Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Service in the Exchanges)
of BPS Telephone Company and to Continue)
to Classify the Company and Its Services as)
Competitive)

Case No. TA-2007-0093

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: December 13, 2006

Effective Date: December 13, 2006

On August 30, 2006, Big River Telephone Company, L.L.C. ("Big River") applied for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange telecommunications services within the state of Missouri, and for competitive classification. On September 29, 2006, BPS Telephone Company was granted intervention. An evidentiary hearing is currently set in this matter for February 13, 2007.

On December 12, 2006, Big River filed a motion for a protective order pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. Big River states that certain business information is being provided in this matter and that this information should not be made public. Big River asserts that public disclosure of this information may harm its interests, and that none of this information currently can be found in any format in a public document. Consequently, Big River moves the Commission to issue its standard protective order containing the classifications of "highly confidential" and "proprietary."

The Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information, and the request for a protective order to maintain confidentiality is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Big River Telephone Company, L.L.C., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on December 13, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of December, 2006.