

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Acceris     )  
Management and Acquisition LLC and First     )  
Communications, LLC, for (i) Authority for First     )  
Communications, LLC, to Provide Competitive     )  
Resold Interexchange Telecommunications     )  
Services Throughout the State of Missouri; and     )  
(ii) Approval of the Transfer of Assets, Including     )  
Customers, of Acceris Management and     )  
Acquisition LLC to First Communications, LLC.     )

**Case No. TA-2007-0067**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: August 15, 2006

Effective Date: August 15, 2006

On August 11, 2006, Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First Communications, LLC, filed a joint application seeking (1) authority for First Communications to provide interexchange telecommunications services in Missouri, and (2) approval of the transfer of assets, including customers, of Acceris to First Communications. The joint applicants also filed a Motion for Protective Order. In support of its motion, applicants state that certain business information which is considered to be confidential is being provided, and that public disclosure of this information would harm the competitive interests of First Communications and Acceris. Applicants further state that the confidential information cannot be found in any format in any public document. Applicants therefore request the Commission to issue a protective order.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that it complies with 4 CSR 240-2.085 and shall be granted. The Commission has previously recognized the need to

protect confidential and proprietary information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. The Commission will adopt its standard protective order for this case.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and First Communications, LLC, on August 11, 2006, is granted and the Protective Order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted for this case.
2. This order shall become effective on August 15, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15th day of August, 2006.