OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri,)
Complainant,)
v.) Case No. TC-2006-0184
New Florence Telephone Company,)
Respondent.)

ORDER ADOPTING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: February 16, 2006 Effective Date: February 16, 2006

On October 24, 2005, the Staff of the Commission filed a Complaint against New Florence Telephone. During the discovery stage, Staff directed data requests to New Florence, the responses to which New Florence alleges will contain confidential and proprietary information. New Florence filed a Motion for Issuance of a Protective Order on February 15, 2006, arguing that such confidential and proprietary information should be protected from public disclosure. New Florence also claims that none of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document.

Upon review of New Florence's Motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases.

Therefore, a protective order will be established under which information may be classified as "highly confidential" and "proprietary" as defined by the Commission's rules.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion for Issuance of a Protective Order filed by New Florence Telephone Company is granted and the protective order attached hereto as Attachment A is adopted. The parties shall comply with the protective order.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on February 16, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 16th day of February, 2006.