

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**

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)

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.