

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the)
 Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Include) **Case No. TO-2005-0142**
 the Exchange of Lexington as Part of Tier 5.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

On March 14, 2005, Sprint Missouri, Inc., filed a Motion for Protective Order under 4 CSR 240-2.085(1), requesting proprietary and/or highly confidential treatment of certain portions of its prepared testimony and appendices. In support of its motion, Sprint states that disclosure of certain information could adversely affect its business interest and that none of the information can be found in any format in any other public documents. Sprint therefore requests that the Commission adopt its standard protective order for this case. No response to the motion was received.

Upon review of the company'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, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed on March 14, 2005, by Sprint Missouri, Inc., is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on April 27, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of April, 2005.