

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

In the Matter of the Application for Approval       )  
of the Transfer of Control of Alltel Missouri, Inc.,    )  
and the Transfer of Alltel Communications, Inc.,     )  
Interexchange Service Customer Base                 )

**Case No. TM-2006-0272**

**ORDER GRANTING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: February 9, 2006

Effective Date: February 9, 2006

On December 22, 2005, Alltel Missouri, Inc., Alltel Communications, Inc., Alltel Holding Corp., Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. and Valor Communications Group, Inc., (the Applicants) filed an application seeking approval for the transfer of control of Alltel Missouri, and the transfer of the resale interexchange service customer base of Alltel Communications to other entities.

On February 8, 2006, the Applicants filed a Motion for Protective Order. Applicants claim in their Motion that certain information they are preparing to disclose in response to the Staff of the Commission's data requests are "proprietary" or "highly confidential," as those terms are defined in Commission rules. At the prehearing conference conducted by the Commission on February 8, 2006, the parties to the case, including Staff and Public Counsel, agreed to waive any right they have to file a responsive pleading and stated that they have no objection to the Commission entering a protective order in this matter.

Upon review of the Applicants' 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.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by the Applicants 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 9, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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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 9th day of February, 2006.