BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership for Designation as a Telecommunications Company Carrier Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support Pursuant to § 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Case No. TO-2005-0466

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: June 14, 2005

Effective Date: June 14, 2005

On June 3, 2005, Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership 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 Application and appendices. In support of its motion, Northwest Missouri Cellular 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. Northwest Missouri Cellular 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 June 3, 2005, by Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on June 14, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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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 14th day of June, 2005.