

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)
of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5))
Agreement with NEXTEL Wireless.) **Case No. TO-2006-0149**

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 1, 2005

Effective Date: November 1, 2005

On October 4, 2005, a number of small rural carriers¹ filed a petition for arbitration with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Commission arbitrate unresolved issues with NEXTEL Wireless. With the petition, petitioners filed a Motion for Protective Order.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that 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 should be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Petitioners is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

¹ The small rural carriers include: BPS Telephone Company; Cass County Telephone Company; Ellington Telephone Company; Farber Telephone Company; Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc; Granby Telephone Company; Green Hills Telephone Corporation; Iamo Telephone Company; Kingdom Telephone Company; Lathrop Telephone Company; New Florence Telephone Company; and Steelville Telephone Exchange.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2005.

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)

Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of November, 2005.