

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the )  
St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Include the ) **Case No. TO-2005-0141**  
Exchanges of Washington, Union, Wright City, St. Clair, ) (consolidated with TO-2003-0298)  
Marthasville, Beaufort, Foley and Warrenton )

### **ORDER GRANTING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: January 12, 2006

Effective Date: January 12, 2006

On January 6, 2006, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, requested that the Commission issue its "standard" protective order to protect proprietary and highly confidential information that has been requested by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission through data requests.

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 made by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on January 12, 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 )

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12th day of January, 2006.