

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Acceris     )  
Management and Acquisition LLC and Acceris     )  
Communications Corp. for Approval of the     )  
Acquisition of Certain Assets of Acceris     )  
Communications Corp. by Acceris Management     )  
and Acquisition LLC.     )

**Case No. TO-2005-0508**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: July 7, 2005

Effective Date: July 7, 2005

On June 30, 2005, Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC (Acceris) and Acceris Communications Corp. (ACC) filed a joint application for Commission approval of a transaction whereby Acceris will obtain certain Missouri assets of ACC. The applicants also filed a Motion for Protective Order on the same date. In support of the motion, the applicants state that Appendix C to the application will be the Asset Purchase Agreement, which contains private and confidential business information the public disclosure of which could be injurious to the business and competitive position of Acceris, a company engaged in the provision of competitive telecommunications services. Applicants further state that none of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document. Applicants therefore request the issuance of a protective order in this case.

The Commission finds that the applicants' motion meets the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.085 and should be granted. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential and proprietary information, and the issuance of protective

orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. The Commission will adopt its standard protective order in this case.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and Acceris Communications Corp. on June 30, 2005, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on July 7, 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

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7th day of July, 2005.