

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Review of the Competitive)
Classification of the Exchanges of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri.) **Case No. TO-2007-0053**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: August 14, 2006

Effective Date: August 14, 2006

On August 8, 2006, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting proprietary and/or highly confidential treatment of information it is providing in its report regarding the competitive classification of some of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri's exchanges. Although Staff did not fully comply with the Commission's rule regarding protective orders,¹ it does state that its report contains "highly confidential line counts listed in annual reports." This information is currently protected from public disclosure and the Commission has traditionally recognized the confidential nature of this type of information. Thus, the Commission determines 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 its "standard" protective order should be granted.

¹ 4 CSR 240-2.085.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed on August 8, 2006, by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on August 14, 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 14th day of August, 2006.