

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri RSA)
No. 5 Partnership for Designation as a)
Telecommunications Company Carrier)
Eligible for Federal Universal Service Support)
Pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications)
Act of 1996)

Case No. TO-2006-0172

ORDER ADOPTING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: October 20, 2005

Effective Date: October 20, 2005

On October 18, 2005, Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Simultaneously, Missouri RSA filed its Motion for Protective Order, explaining therein that this matter will necessarily involve Highly Confidential and Proprietary information that should be protected from disclosure to competitors.

Upon review of Missouri RSA'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, a protective order will be established.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Missouri RSA No. 5 Partnership is granted and the protective order attached hereto as Attachment A is adopted. The parties shall comply with the protective order attached hereto.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 20, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of October, 2005.