

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for the Modification of the)
Kansas City Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to Make)
the Greenwood Exchange Part of the Mandatory MCA)
Tier 2.) **Case No. TO-2005-0144**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: October 25, 2005

Effective Date: October 25, 2005

On October 20, 2005, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, filed a Motion for Protective Order under 4 CSR 240-2.085(1), requesting proprietary and/or highly confidential treatment of information it plans to provide in response to Staff Data Requests. In support of its motion, SBC Missouri states that information it intends to provide includes trade secrets and confidential technical, financial and business information, and information related to specific customers, employees, marketing analysis, work papers, and strategies. SBC Missouri therefore requests that the Commission adopt its standard protective order for this case.

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 filed on October 20, 2005, by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on October 25, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of October, 2005.