BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC, for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunications Services in Portions of the State of Missouri and for Competitive Classification.

Case No. CA-2006-0035

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: July 27, 2005

Effective Date: July 27, 2005

On July 22, 2005, Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC, filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri. Applicant filed its Motion for Protective Order on the same date. In support of the motion, Applicant states that Appendix C to the application will include private and confidential financial information entitled to protection from disclosure under 4 CSR 240-2.085. Applicant states that disclosure of this corporate financial information could be injurious to its business and competitive position, and notes that none of the information for which it claims confidentiality can be found in any format in any other public document. Applicant therefore requests the Commission to issue its standard protective order.

The Commission finds that Applicant's motion substantially 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 for this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Neutral Tandem-Missouri, LLC,

on July 22, 2005, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. That this order shall become effective on July 27, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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 27th day of July, 2005.