

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

In the Matter of the Application of Metropolitan )  
Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc. for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to provide resold )  
And facilities-based/UNE Basic Local ) **Case No. CA-2005-0425**  
Telecommunications Services in Portions of the )  
State of Missouri and to Classify Such Services )  
And the Company as Competitive )

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: June 8, 2005

Effective Date: June 8, 2005

This order grants the request for the Commission’s standard protective order.

On May 18, 2005, Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc., applied for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service. On that same date, Metropolitan filed a Motion for Protective Order.

Metropolitan requested that proprietary financial information that it filed in support of its application be subject to a protective order under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. Metropolitan alleged that its financial statements contain highly confidential information about their financial status. According to Metropolitan, if this information is made public, it would severely harm Metropolitan by giving its competitors an unfair advantage. Metropolitan claims the information in those financial statements is not otherwise available to the public.

Under 4 CSR 240-2.080(15), interested parties had ten days from the filing date to object. No parties objected.

Upon review of the 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 protective orders have helped 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 by Metropolitan Telecommunications of Missouri, Inc., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on June 8, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law  
Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005.