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

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

In the Matter of)
the Application of)
Granite Telecommunications, LLC for)
Expanded Local Exchange Service) Case No.
Authority to Provide Local Exchange)
Services in the Missouri Service Territory)
Served by Alltel Missouri)
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APPLICATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comes now Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Granite"), and pursuant to 4 C.S.R. 240-2.085, moves for a protective order seeking confidential treatment of financial statements filed by Granite with its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority. In support of the Application, Granite states the following:

1. Granite incorporates by reference relevant information from its Application for a Certificate Authority in Alltel Missouri, Inc. service territory, filed with the Commission contemporaneously with the above-captioned Application.

2. As part of its Application for a Certificate of Expanded Local Exchange Service Authority, Granite filed certain financial statements as Exhibit C to that Application. Granite requests that the Commission designate those financial statements as confidential and prohibit their dissemination to members of the public, in light of the competitively sensitive information contained in those financial statements.

3. Granite believes that competitors in the telecommunications industry could derive from the financial statements information unfairly useful to their competitive efforts. Disclosure of the information to the public and to Granite's competitors could damage Granite's ability to compete in the Missouri marketplace. In addition, Granite is not aware that the information contained in Exhibit C can be found in any other public documents. As such, Granite requests

that the Commission grant confidential status of Exhibit C of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

Wherefore, Granite Telecommunications, LLC requests that the Commission grant its Application for a protective order seeking confidential treatment of the financial statements contained in Exhibit F of its Application for a Certificate of Service Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI

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COUNTY OF JACKSON

COMES NOW Mark P. Johnson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, who swears and affirms as follows:

1. My name is Mark P. Johnson, and I am an attorney for Granite Telecommunications, LLC (“Applicant”). In that capacity, I am authorized to verify the statements contained in the Application above, and the information contained therein, on behalf of Applicant.

2. The information contained in the above-described document is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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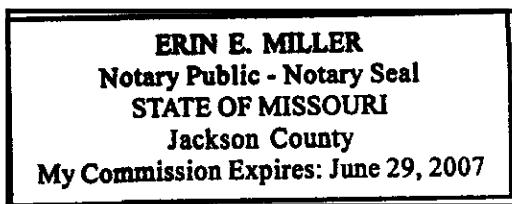
Mark P. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 2006.

Erin E. Miller

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been mailed or sent via email, this 3rd day of April, 2006, to:

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