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April 15, 2002

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Sage Telecom, Inc.

Dear Judge Roberts:

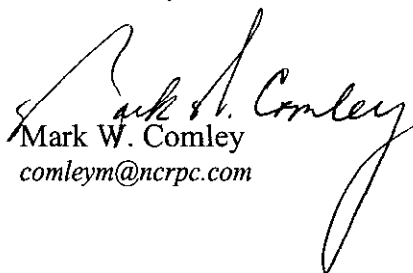
Please find enclosed for filing the original and eight copies of a Motion for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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General Counsel's Office  
Tricia Vaughn

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of <b>Sage Telecom, Inc.</b> 's	)	
2001 Annual Report to the Commission as	)	Case No. _____
A Competitive Local Exchange Carrier and	)	
Confidential Treatment of a Portion Thereof	)	

**MOTION FOR  
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Comes now **Sage Telecom, Inc.** ("Sage" or "the Company"), by and through counsel, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(7) respectfully petitions the Commission to protect from public disclosure and to treat with utmost confidence pages 4 and 5 of its 2001 Annual Report to the Commission as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (the Annual Report). In support thereof, Sage states the following to the Commission:

1. In accord with past Commission directives,<sup>1</sup> there is submitted with the original of this motion a complete confidential version of Sage's 2001 Annual Report under seal for Staff access, and a public version of the Annual Report in which pages 4 and 5 have been clearly marked as containing highly confidential material.
2. With the exception of pages 4 and 5, the Company does not seek extraordinary or confidential treatment for the Annual Report.
3. Pages 4 and 5 contain financial information and access line data. Sage deems these pages to be confidential because they contain market sensitive information that competitors could use to their economic advantage.

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<sup>1</sup>See *In the Matter of the Application of Teligent, Inc., to Close Information Presented in 1998 Annual Report*, Case No. TO-99-543.

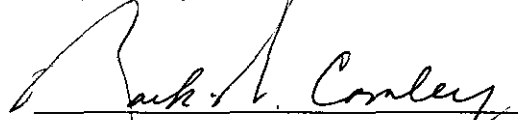
4. Because all but pages 4 and 5 of the Annual Report will be available for public inspection, there can be no argument that the public interest will be negatively affected by granting Sage's request. Public disclosure of the contents of pages 4 and 5 would have negligible benefit for the public, but would unfairly place Sage's competitive efforts at risk.

5. Permitting confidential treatment of Sage's Annual Report would be in the interest of fairness and justice without compromising the interest of the public.

WHEREFORE, Sage respectfully requests the Commission to:

1. Protect from public disclosure and treat with the utmost confidence all of pages 4 and 5 of its Annual Report, and
2. Enter such other orders and relief, including a declaration that highly confidential pages 4 and 5 in their entirety are a "closed record(s)" as defined in Missouri law, that the Commission deems meet and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



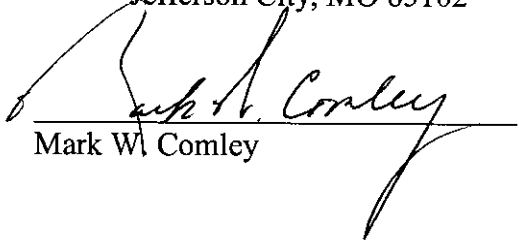
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002, to:

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