BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of American Fiber Network, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to provide Basic Local and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of Missouri

Case No. 7A-2000-305

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Missouri PL. Service Commission

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

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Comes now American Fiber Network, Inc. ("AFN") by and through counsel, Hendren and Andrae, L.L.C., Richard S. Brownlee, III, and requests the Commission to issue a Protective Order on the following ground:

1. Applicant is a privately held corporation whose financial statements are considered proprietary and highly confidential and therefore requests **EXHIBIT C** be considered and retained by the Commission staff under a Protective Order issued herein.

WHEREFORE, American Fiber Network, Inc. prays for an Order as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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