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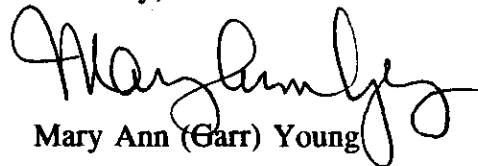
RE: Case No. TE-2000-648  
Missouri Telecom, Inc.'s Motion for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and fourteen copies of the **Motion for Confidential Treatment** of Missouri Telecom, Inc., for filing with the Commission.

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. Copies are being served on the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel. If there are any questions, please call me at 634-8109.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Ann (Garr) Young

Enclosure

cc: General Counsel  
Office of Public Counsel  
Judy Wormington, Missouri Telecom

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

In the Matter of Confidential  
Treatment of the Annual Report of  
Missouri Telecom, Inc.

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Case No. TE-2000-648

**MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

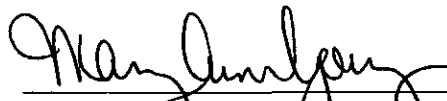
Comes now Missouri Telecom, Inc. (Missouri Telecom), by and through counsel, and seeks an Order of the Commission allowing highly confidential treatment of selected pages of its 1999 Annual Report ABLEC submitted to the Commission. Specifically, Missouri Telecom, Inc., seeks highly confidential treatment of the information contained on page 5 (ASSETS, LIABILITIES & OWNER EQUITY), page 6 (INCOME STATEMENT), and page 3, questions 13 and 14. In support of this motion, Missouri Telecom states:

1. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(7) a company requesting confidential treatment of an annual report must do so in writing and state "good cause" for maintaining the information under seal.
2. Missouri Telecom, Inc., has good cause for requesting confidential treatment of the selected pages. Missouri Telecom, Inc., is a privately held corporation engaged in the provision of telecommunications services which are highly competitive. The information contained on page 3 (questions 13 and 14), and on pages 5 and 6 is market sensitive company-specific financial and corporate organizational information that is not otherwise publicly available, and the public disclosure of that information could be injurious to the business and competitive position of Missouri Telecom. The information could be used by competitors of Missouri Telecom to determine the extent of Missouri Telecom's business operations and other information that is of a competitively sensitive nature. Disclosure of this type of information to the competitors of Missouri Telecom would be detrimental to Missouri Telecom's business interests in Missouri.

3. Missouri Telecom has taken appropriate measures to protect this information from public disclosure.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Missouri Telecom, Inc., requests an order from the Commission allowing it to file page 3 questions 13 and 14 and pages 5 and 6 of the 1999 Annual Report ABLEC under seal.

Respectfully Submitted,



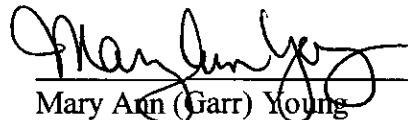
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Dated: April 14, 2000

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a copy of this document has been hand delivered or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Office of Public Counsel and the General Counsel on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000.



Mary Ann (Garr) Young