

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY**

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CASE NO: TE-2000-648

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

In the Matter of Confidential)	
Treatment of the Annual Report of)	<u>Case No. TE-2000-648</u>
Missouri Telecom, Inc.)	

**ORDER APPROVING MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF
ANNUAL REPORT**

On April 14, 2000, Missouri Telecom, Inc. (Missouri Telecom) filed an application requesting that portions of its annual report containing financial information be treated as confidential because they contain market sensitive, company-specific, financial and corporate organizational information that competitors could use to their economic advantage and to the detriment of Missouri Telecom.

4 CSR 240-10.080(1) provides that "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year." 4 CSR 240-10.080(7) provides that the Commission may permit a utility to file confidential information contained in its annual report under seal, if the Commission finds that it has shown good cause to do so.

On June 27, the Staff of the Commission filed a Recommendation and Memorandum indicating that Missouri Telecom has shown good cause for granting its request for confidential treatment of certain information in its annual report. Staff recommends that the Commission issue an

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order granting Missouri Telecom's request for confidential treatment of a portion of page 3, and all of pages 5 and 6 of its 1999 annual report. Staff recommends that the specified information be allowed to remain confidential until April 15, 2001. After that date the information should be transferred to the public record unless Missouri Telecom shows that the information remains confidential. Staff notes that Missouri Telecom has filed a confidential version of the annual report but has not filed a public version of the report. Staff recommends that Missouri Telecom be ordered to file a public version of the annual report.

After reviewing Missouri Telecom's motion and the Recommendation and Memorandum of Staff, the Commission concludes that Missouri Telecom's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Missouri Telecom, Inc.'s request for confidential treatment of a portion of page 3, and all of pages 5 and 6 of its 1999 Annual Report is granted.

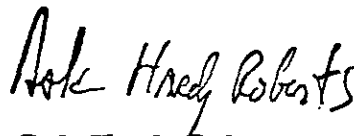
2. That the information recognized as confidential by this order shall be filed and maintained with this Commission under seal as a proprietary document pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080(7), until April 15, 2001. After that date the information shall be transferred to the public record unless Missouri Telecom, Inc. makes a further showing that the information remains confidential.

3. That Missouri Telecom, Inc., shall file a public version of its 1999 Annual Report with a copy of this Order attached to the public

version. The redacted public version shall have asterisks appearing in the spaces on the affected pages, along with a notation on the bottom of each stating "denotes highly confidential material that has been filed under seal."

4. That this order shall become effective on July 20, 2000.
5. That this case may be closed on July 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris Woodruff, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of July, 2000.

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

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 10th day of July 2000.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge