

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Granite)	
Telecommunications, LLC for Expanded Local)	
Exchange Service Authority to Provide Local)	<u>Case No. TA-2006-0382</u>
Exchange Services in the Missouri Service)	
Territory Served by Alltel Missouri)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: April 7, 2006

Effective Date: April 7, 2006

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On April 6, 2006, Granite Telecommunications, LLC filed an application for expanded authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services. On that same date, it filed a Motion for Protective Order.

Granite requested that the financial statements that it filed in support of its application be subject to a protective order under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. Granite alleged that those statements contain confidential information. According to Granite, if this information is made public, it would severely harm Granite by giving its competitors an unfair advantage. Granite claims the information in those financial statements is not otherwise available to the public.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Granite Telecommunications, LLC is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on April 7, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of April, 2006.