

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Joint Application of Acceris Management and)	
Acquisition, LLC, New Access Communications, LLC)	
and First Communications, LLC for (i) Approval of the)	
Transfer of Assets, including Customers, of Acceris)	
Management and Acquisition, LLC and New Access)	<u>Case No. TM-2007-0203</u>
Communications, LLC to First Communications, LLC;)	
and (ii) the Voluntary Surrender of the Authorizations)	
of Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and)	
New Access Communications, LLC)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 30, 2006

Effective Date: November 30, 2006

On November 20, 2006, First Communications, LLC ("First"), Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC ("Acceris") and New Access Communications LLC ("New Access") (collectively, "Applicants"), filed an application, pursuant to RSMo Section 392.300 and 4 CSR 240-3.520, requesting that the Commission grant them the authority necessary to consummate transactions involving the transfer of assets of Acceris and New Access to First. First states that after consummation of the transactions, it will provide telecommunications services to all of the former customers of Acceris and New Access, and that Acceris and New Access will cease operations in Missouri and surrender their authorizations. Applicants also filed a separate motion for a protective order.

Applicants assert that certain business information that is confidential is being provided in association with its application and that this information should not be made public. Applicants further contend that public disclosure would cause harm to their

competitive interests and that this confidential information cannot be found in any format in any public document.

The Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information, and the request for a protective order to maintain confidentiality 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 First Communications, LLC, Acceris Management and Acquisition LLC and New Access Communications LLC is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on November 30, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of November, 2006.