

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Joint Application of Claricom Networks, LLC and       )  
Matrix Telecom, Inc. for Expedited Approval of the    )  
Transfer of Membership Interests and the Merger of   )  
Claricom Networks, LLC and Matrix Telecom, Inc.     )

**Case No. TM-2006-0206**

### **ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: November 14, 2005

Effective Date: November 14, 2005

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

On November 10, 2005, Claricom Networks, LLC and Matrix Telecom, Inc., filed an application. On that same date, they filed a Motion for Protective Order.

The applicants requested that the organizational charts that they filed in support of their application be subject to a protective order under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085. Claricom and Matrix alleged that those charts contain confidential, proprietary and non-public information. According to the applicants, if this information is made public, it would severely harm them by giving their competitors an unfair advantage. The applicants claim that the information 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 THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Claricom Networks, LLC and Matrix Telecom, Inc., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 14, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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 14th day of November, 2005.