

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

SECOND ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: December 1, 2005

Effective Date: December 1, 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. The applicants also filed a motion for protective order, asking that the Commission limit the availability of the parties' organizational charts. The Commission granted their motion.

On November 30, the applicants filed a merger agreement to supplement their application. On the same date, they filed another Motion for Protective Order, asking that the Commission limit the availability of that merger agreement under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.085.

Claricom and Matrix alleged that the merger agreement contains 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., on November 30, 2005, is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on December 1, 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 1st day of December, 2005.