

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)
of Unresolved Issues in a Section 251(b)(5)) **Case No. TO-2006-0150**
Agreement with U.S. Cellular.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 1, 2005

Effective Date: November 1, 2005

On October 4, 2005, a number of small rural carriers¹ filed a petition for arbitration with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, requesting that the Commission arbitrate unresolved issues with U.S. Cellular. U.S. With petition, petitioners filed a Motion for Protective Order.

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

¹ The small rural carriers include: BPS Telephone Company; Cass County Telephone Company; Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Missouri; Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative, Inc; Ellington Telephone Company; Farber Telephone Company; Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc; Fidelity Communications Services II, Inc; Goodman Telephone Company; Granby Telephone Company; Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telephone Corporation; Green Hills Telecommunications Services; Holway Telephone Company; Kingdom Telephone Company; KLM Telephone Company; Lathrop Telephone Company; Le-Ru Telephone Company; Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company; Mark Twain Communications Company; McDonald County Telephone Company; Miller Telephone Company; New Florence Telephone Company; Oregon Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; Ozark Telephone Company; Peace Valley Telephone Company, Inc; Rock Port Telephone Company; Seneca Telephone Company; and Steelville Telephone Exchange.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Petitioners is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.
2. That this order shall become effective on November 1, 2005.

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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Kennard L. Jones, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of November, 2005.