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TO-2000-609

The Honorable Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Re: @link Networks, Inc.

Dear Judge Roberts:

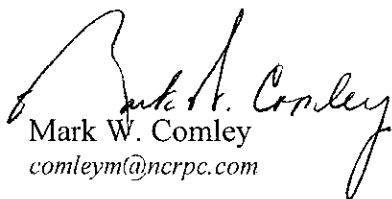
Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of @link Networks, Inc. an original and fourteen copies of an Application for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report. I also enclose the original and eight copies of the 1999 Annual Report of @link Networks, Inc., which are filed under seal and marked as highly confidential. I enclose one non-proprietary version of @link's annual report.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of @link Networks, Inc.'s)
1999 Annual Report to the Commission as)
An Interexchange Telecommunications Carrier)
and Confidential Treatment of a Portion Thereof)

Case No. TO-2000-609

**APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Comes now @link Networks, Inc. (@link) by and through counsel, and respectfully petitions the Commission to protect from public disclosure and to treat with utmost confidence a portion of page 5, and all of pages 6 and 7 of its 1999 Annual Report to the Commission as an Interexchange Telecommunications Company (the Annual Report). In support thereof, @link states the following to the Commission:

1. In accord with past Commission directives,¹ there is submitted with the original of this application a complete confidential version of @link's 1999 Annual Report under seal for Staff access, and a public version of the Annual Report in which a portion of page 5 and pages 6 and 7 have been clearly marked as containing highly confidential material.

2. With the exception of pages 5, 6 and 7, @link does not seek extraordinary or confidential treatment for the Annual Report.

3. Pages 5, 6 and 7 contain financial information and related data. @link deems these pages to be confidential because they contain market sensitive information that competitors could use to their economic advantage. Accordingly, @link treats this information as confidential and

¹See *In the Matter of the Application of Teligent, Inc., to Close Information Presented in 1998 Annual Report*, Case No. TO-99-543.

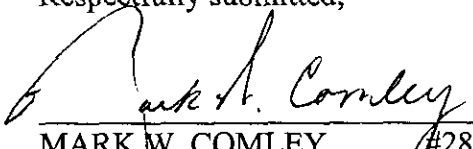
proprietary within the company itself and does not reveal this information in any public forum.

4. Because all but pages 5, 6 and 7 of the Annual Report will be available for public inspection, there can be no argument that the public interest will be negatively effected by granting @link's request. Public disclosure of the contents of pages 5, 6 and 7 would have negligible benefit for the public, but would unfairly place @link's competitive efforts at risk.

WHEREFORE, @link respectfully requests the Commission to protect from public disclosure and treat with the utmost confidence pages 5, 6 and 7 of its Annual Report as an Interexchange Telecommunications Company, and enter such other orders and relief, including a declaration that the highly confidential portion of page 5, and pages 6 and 7 in their entirety are a "closed record(s)" as defined in Missouri law, that the Commission deems meet and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

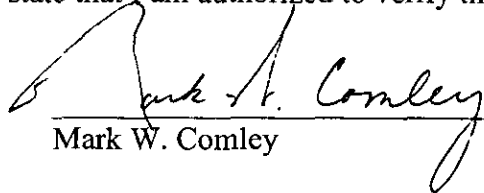
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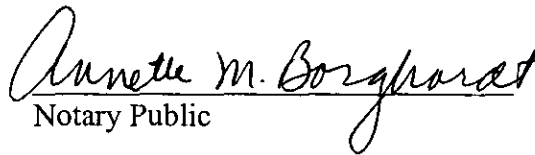
ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

I, Mark W. Comley, being first duly sworn, do hereby certify, depose and state that I am the attorney for @link Networks, Inc. in the above captioned proceeding; that I have read the above and foregoing Application and the allegations therein contained are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief; and I further state that I am authorized to verify the foregoing application by the above said applicants.


Mark W. Comley

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 29th day of March, 2000.


Notary Public

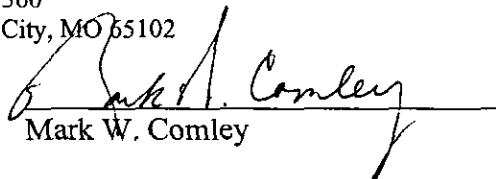
My Commission expires:
ANNETTE M. BORGHARDT
Notary Public
State of Missouri
Commission Expires 3/11/02
Cole County, MO

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, on this 29th day of March, 2000, to:

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