

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Kentucky Data Link,)
Inc., for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) **Case No. XA-2006-0461**
Interexchange Telecommunications Services in the)
State of Missouri and to Classify Said Services and)
the Company as Competitive)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: June 6, 2006

Effective Date: June 6, 2006

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

On June 5, 2006, the Commission received an application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services from Kentucky Data Link, Inc. Exhibit D was filed in association with its application, under seal, and this exhibit includes audited financial statements for the company for the fiscal year 2005, including an income sheet and balance sheet. Said filing under seal will be treated as a Motion for Protective Order, because said filings may contain information of a confidential and proprietary nature.

The Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information, and the request for a protective order to maintain confidentiality of the filings under seal 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 Kentucky Data Link, Inc., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on June 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 6th day of June, 2006.