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July 7, 1999

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

Re: Cable & Wireless USA, Inc.

Dear Judge Roberts:

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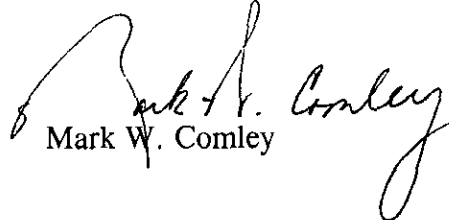
Please find enclosed for filing in the referenced matter an original and fourteen copies of an Application for Confidential Treatment of Annual Report. I also enclose the original annual report with the highly confidential pages filed under seal.

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

Very truly yours,

NEWMAN, COMLEY & RUTH P.C.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the Matter of Cable & Wireless USA, Inc.'s)
Annual Report to the Commission as An)
Interexchange Telecommunications Company)
and Confidential Treatment of a Portion Thereof)

Case No. *To-2000-9*

**APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF ANNUAL REPORT**

Comes now Cable & Wireless USA, Inc., (CWUSA) by and through counsel, and respectfully petitions the Commission to protect from public disclosure and to treat with utmost confidence Exhibits D and E which are its responses to pages 5 and 6 of its Annual Report to the Commission as an Interexchange Telecommunications Company (Annual Report). In support thereof, CWUSA states the following to the Commission:

1. Submitted with the original of this application, the Commission will find CWUSA's 1998 Annual Report. Pages 5 and 6 of the Annual Report are blank but CWUSA has reduced the information requested on those pages to Exhibit form.
2. Pages 5 and 6 of CWUSA's Annual Report refer to Exhibits D and E, which are the company's Balance Sheet and Income Statement respectively. Both Exhibits are submitted under seal and can be found in the envelope marked "Confidential" which is attached to the Annual Report.
3. With the exception of the information found on Exhibits D and E, CWUSA does not seek extraordinary or confidential treatment for the Annual Report.
4. Exhibits D and E contain financial information and related data. CWUSA deems Exhibits D and E to be confidential because they contain market sensitive information that competitors could use to their economic advantage. Accordingly, CWUSA treats this information

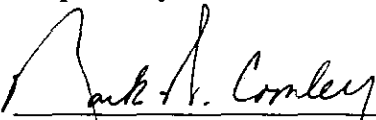
as confidential and proprietary within the company itself and does not reveal this information in any public forum.

5. Because all but the Company's income statement and balance sheet will be available for public inspection, there can be no argument that the public interest will be negatively effected by granting CWUSA's request. Public disclosure of the contents of Exhibits D and E would have negligible benefit for the public, but would unfairly place CWUSA's competitive efforts at risk.

WHEREFORE, CWUSA respectfully requests the Commission to protect from public disclosure and treat with the utmost confidence Exhibits D and E attached to its Annual Report as an Interexchange Telecommunications Company, and enter such other orders and relief, including a declaration that Exhibits D and E, which constitute CWUSA's responses to Pages 5 and 6 of the Commission's annual report, are a "closed record" as defined in Missouri law, that the Commission deems meet and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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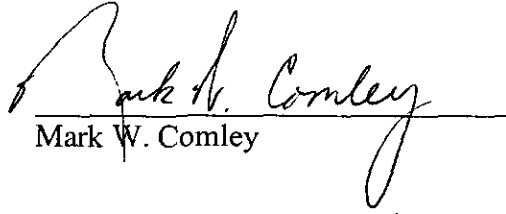


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Certificate of Service

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 7th day of July, 1999, to:

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