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Re: MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and Brandenburg Telephone Company
Joint Motion for Confidential Treatment received 10/31/11
PSC Reference – Case No. 2008-00203

Dear Counselors:

The Public Service Commission has received the Joint Motion for Confidential Treatment you filed on October 31, 2011 on behalf of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, (“MCImetro”) and Brandenburg Telephone Company (“Brandenburg”) to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as MCImetro and Brandenburg’s Responses to Windstream’s Data Request Nos. 5(a) and (c) to MCI metro, and Data Request No. 6(c) to Brandenburg. The information is described as correspondence concerning proposed contract governing ISP-bound traffic at dispute; and infrastructure information including street addresses identifying public utility critical systems.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise MCImetro and Brandenburg’s competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to MCImetro and Brandenburg’s competitors; and disclosure of

infrastructure materials would result in an unwarranted risk to the companies and the public at large.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to MCImetro and Brandenburg's competitors; as well as present an unwarranted risk of harm to the company and the public at large. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, ("MCImetro") and Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Brandenburg") are required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties of Record