COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF EVANSVILLE MSA LIMITED)
PARTNERSHIP FOR CONFIDENTIAL) CASE NO. 93-123
TREATMENT OF ITS 1992 ANNUAL REPORT)

ORDER

This matter arising upon petition of Evansville MSA Limited Partnership ("Evansville MSA") filed March 31, 1993 for confidential protection of certain financial information contained in its 1992 Annual Report and 1992 Report of Gross Operating Revenues on the grounds that disclosure of the information is likely to cause Evansville MSA competitive injury, and it appearing to this Commission as follows:

Evansville MSA has petitioned the Commission for confidential protection of the financial information contained in its 1992 Annual Report and 1992 Report of Gross Operating Revenues. Evansville MSA maintains that this information reveals the revenues and expenses and assets and liabilities of Evansville MSA and would provide its competitors with information that could be used to market their services.

KRS 61.872(1) requires information filed with the Commission to be available for public inspection unless specifically exempted by statute. Exemptions from this requirement are provided in KRS 61.878(1). That section of the statute exempts 11 categories of information. One category exempted in subparagraph (c) of that

section is commercial information confidentially disclosed to the Commission. To qualify for that exemption, it must be established that disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial competitive harm to the party from whom the information was obtained. To satisfy this test, the party claiming confidentiality must demonstrate actual competition and a likelihood of substantial competitive injury if the information is disclosed. Competitive injury occurs when disclosure of the information gives competitors an unfair business advantage.

The information sought to be protected is presented by Evansville MSA in summary form and does not contain sufficient detail to have significant competitive value. Therefore, no competitive harm has been established and the petition for confidential protection should be denied.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The petition for confidential protection of certain financial information contained in its 1992 Annual Report and 1992 Report of Gross Operating Revenues, which Evansville MSA has petitioned be withheld from public disclosure, be and is hereby denied.
- 2. The information sought to be protected from disclosure shall be held as confidential and proprietary for a period of 20 days from the date of this Order, at the expiration of which it shall be placed in the public record without further Order of the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of April, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director