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Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
Attention: John E. Selent
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Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: RLECs
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 7/8/11
PSC Reference – Case No. 2010-00398

Dear Mr. Selent:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on July 8, 2011 on behalf of the RLECs 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 being contained in the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Emmanuel Staurulakis. The information is described as Answer A10 (footnote), A12, A14, A15, A17, and A22(footnote) containing revenue data, access line information, minutes of use, pricing data for network and rate elements, subscriber data, and federal support funds data.

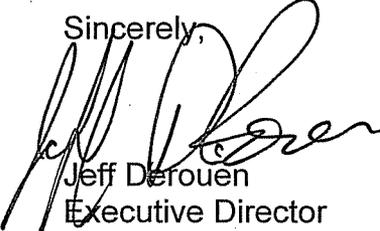
Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise the RLECs' competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to the RLECs' competitors.

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 the RLECs' competitors. 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.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, the RLECs 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,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record