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Hon. John Hughes
124 West Todd Street
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Re: **Administrative Case No. 381**
Confidentiality Request dated August 30, 2010
2010 Universal Service High Cost Support Certification Report

Mr. Hughes:

On August 30, 2010, the Public Service Commission received NPCR, Inc.'s request for confidential treatment of certain information attached to its annual carrier certification. Specifically, NPCR requests confidential treatment of the following:

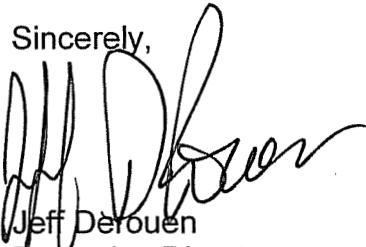
- Attachment A – Proposed Service Improvement Projects
- Attachment B – Map of Estimated Cell Site Locations for 2010/2011
- Attachment C – Summary of Cell Site Operational and Maintenance Costs

In support of its motion, NPCR states the above-listed information contains details on the locations of the company's cell sites and infrastructure, proposed service improvement projects and the estimated locations and costs associated with such improvements. NPCR states that such information is closely guarded as it operates in a highly competitive marketplace. NPCR states that this information qualifies proprietary as it is related to network infrastructure and operating costs, which constitutes a trade secret and would also qualify as permitting a non-reciprocal advantage to competitors, if disclosed.

Having reviewed the information contained within the Petition and applicable law, the Commission has determined that the information contained therein is entitled to protection and, therefore, the request is **GRANTED**. The Commission finds that public knowledge of this information would qualify as the disclosure of trade secret information and may cause competitive harm, if disclosed. See KRS 61.878, *et al.*

As NPCR's petition has been granted confidential treatment, the Commission will withhold the protected information from public inspection. If the information that has been granted protection becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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