

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Western Wireless Corporation, Isaquah, Washington)	Application No. C-1410
petition for arbitration pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 of rates, terms and conditions of interconnection with GTE.)	
)	PROTECTION ORDER
)	GRANTED
)	Entered: December 3, 1996

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On September 9, 1996, Western Wireless Corporation of Isaquah, Washington filed a petition with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("NPSC") for arbitration of rates, terms and conditions of interconnection with GTE. Notice of the filing of the docket was published pursuant to the provisions of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Notice of the application appeared in the Omaha Daily Record on September 10, 1996.

On November 26, 1996, GTE Telephone Operations ("GTE") filed a motion with the Commission seeking an order protecting GTE's confidential information contained in the above-entitled docket.

All access, review, use and disclosure of the correspondence, documents, data, studies, methodologies or other information or materials designated by a party to this proceeding as proprietary (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information") shall be governed by the terms of this order.

It is likely that proprietary and confidential information will be provided in this proceeding, and that, absent the existence of this order, a significant risk of disclosing truly confidential material to parties will exist.

As a result, no confidential information shall be made available to anyone other than the Commission. However, access to any confidential information may be authorized by GTE, solely for the purposes of this proceeding, to those persons indicated by any party as being their experts in this matter. Any disputes concerning the above shall be brought before the Commission for a ruling.

The Commission intends to minimize the amount of "confidential" information so as to maximize the amount of public information. Therefore, any information that is deemed by GTE as "confidential" may be made available subject to the above conditions at the Omaha offices of McGrath, North, Mullin & Kratz, local counsel for GTE or by obtaining a copy from GTE directly. All parties that are allowed to examine the

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confidential material shall sign a protective agreement.

Upon consideration of the motion, and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion that GTE's request for an order protecting confidential information is fair and reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be granted.

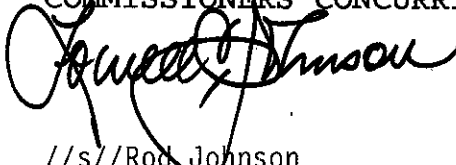
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Motion for Protective Order made by GTE pursuant to Application No. C-1410 be, and it is hereby granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3rd day of December, 1996.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//James F. Munnelly
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:


Executive Director