

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1775  
of Aliant Midwest, Inc., Lincoln, )  
Nebraska, seeking authority to en- )  
large its Certificate of Public )  
Convenience and Necessity to pro- )  
vide statewide local exchange ) Protective Order  
service and for a Certificate of )  
Public Convenience and Necessity )  
to offer and provide interexchange )  
telecommunications services in Ne- )  
braska. ) Entered: June 9, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By motion dated June 2, 1998, Aliant Midwest, Inc. seeks a protective order in this application with regard to late-filed Exhibit 8. We find the motion to be reasonable and that it should be granted. The terms of the protective order are as follows:

1. Late-filed Exhibit 8 is claimed by Aliant Midwest to be of trade secret, proprietary or confidential nature consistent with Nebraska law. Accordingly, late-filed Exhibit 8 shall be so marked by Aliant Midwest by stamping the same with a designation indicating proprietary or confidential nature. Access to and review of late-filed Exhibit 8 shall be controlled by the terms of this order.
2. No access to late-filed Exhibit 8 shall be authorized under the terms of this order to any person, including attorneys for parties to this proceeding, until such persons have signed a nondisclosure agreement in a form incorporated herein as Exhibit A. The nondisclosure agreement shall require the person to whom disclosure is to be made to certify in writing that he or she has read the order and agrees to be bound by its terms and conditions. Upon execution of Exhibit A, originals shall be furnished to Paul M. Schudel, Woods & Aitken, 206 South 13th Street, Suite 1500, Lincoln, NE 68508. No person who is responsible for marketing or pricing of telecommunications services shall be provided access to late-filed Exhibit 8.
3. Copies of late-filed Exhibit 8 shall be made available to Commissioners, Commission counsel and Commission staff. The original and all copies of this exhibit shall be kept by the Commission in a sealed envelope clearly marked as confidential.
4. Any person who violates this order by reason of unauthorized use, or disclosure, or failure to keep the information confidential shall be liable for damages and penalties generally provided by law.

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5. No persons who are afforded access to late-filed Exhibit 8 shall use or disclose the information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than the purpose of preparation of and conduct of this proceeding or for the preparation of and conduct of any appeals arising from this proceeding.

6. To the extent confidential information is referenced by counsel or any person afforded access thereto, any public reference to such information shall be made in such a way as to not unnecessarily disclose the confidential information.

7. Upon completion of this proceeding, including any judicial review, each copy of late-filed Exhibit 8, including other documentation containing confidential information made available under the terms of the nondisclosure agreement, shall be returned to Aliant Midwest. No person may copy, microfilm, microfiche or otherwise reproduce the confidential material without the written consent of Aliant Midwest, except for his or her own use, or the use of persons permitted access thereto and who have signed a nondisclosure agreement.

We find the terms of the protective order outlined herein to be fair and reasonable. The order should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the terms and conditions of the protective order governing late-filed Exhibit 8 filed in Application C-1775 be, and they are hereby, approved as set forth herein.

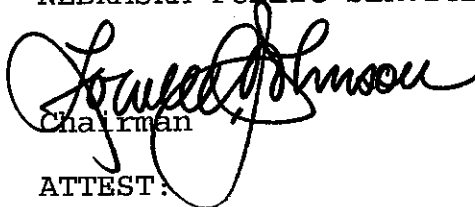
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of June, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Lowell C. Johnson  
//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

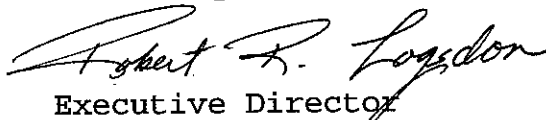
  
Executive Director

Exhibit A

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT  
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I hereby certify that I have been presented with a copy of the Protective Order entered on June 9, 1998, in Application C-1775, and certify that I have read the Protective Order, am familiar with the terms and conditions of the Protective Order, and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

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Name (print or type)

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Title

Representing:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 1998

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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