BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of))
NovaTel Ltd. for a Certificate of Public)) ·
Convenience and Necessity to Provide) Case No. 09-493-TP-ACE
Competitive Telecommunications Services))
within the State of Ohio.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On August 6, 2009, the attorney examiner issued an entry which granted a motion for protective order requested by NovaTel Ltd. (NovaTel).
- On July 30, 2010, counsel for NovaTel filed a motion to continue the (2) protective order for an additional 18-month period. In support of this motion. NovaTel states that the information for which continued protected status is sought consists of competitively sensitive financial information that, to date, has never been publicly disclosed or released. It is NovaTel's belief that, due to the sensitive nature of the information, it is appropriate for the Commission to continue to limit access to it. The information was provided in June 2009 for the sole use of the Commission in exercising it jurisdiction with regard to NovaTel's then-pending certification application. The company submits that, presently, there remains no legitimate purpose to be served in disclosing this proprietary material to any person other than to Commission members and any appropriate reviewing personnel on the Commission's staff.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that NovaTel has demonstrated grounds to extend the protective order for an additional 18-month period. Accordingly, the July 30, 2010, motion for continued protective treatment filed by NovaTel in this case shall be granted. The extended protective order shall be deemed to begin on February 6, 2011, and shall expire 18 months from that date. The Docketing Division shall maintain under seal all documents and pleadings in this case that are currently under seal.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That NovaTel's July 30, 2010, motion to extend the protective order is granted in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Docketing Division continue to maintain under seal until August 6, 2012, all documents and pleadings in this case that are currently under seal. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon NovalTel, and all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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