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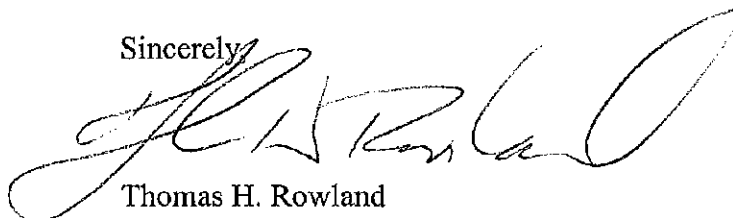
Re: In the Matter of the Application of Clear Rate Communications, Inc. to Receive CLEC certification to Provide Non-Switched Local Telecommunications Services Within the State of Ohio

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing in the captioned proceeding please find the original and ten (10) copies of the *Motion for Protective Order*. Included with this filing are ten (10) copies of the CONFIDENTIAL Exhibit I to Clear Rate's Application. Please note that Clear Rate's CLEC Application was separately filed with the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Rowland

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Clear Rate Communications, Inc. to Receive	)	Case No. <u>07-819</u> -TP-ACE
CLEC certification to Provide Non-Switched	)	
Local Telecommunications Services Within	)	
the State of Ohio	)	

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

NOW COMES Clear Rate Communications, Inc. ("Clear Rate" or "Company"), by its attorneys, and hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a protective order covering certain confidential information submitted in support of the Clear Rate's above-captioned Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Authority ("Application"). In support of this Motion, Clear Rate states as follows:

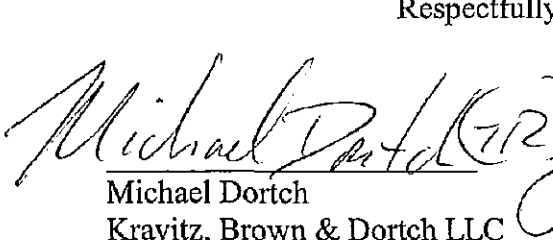
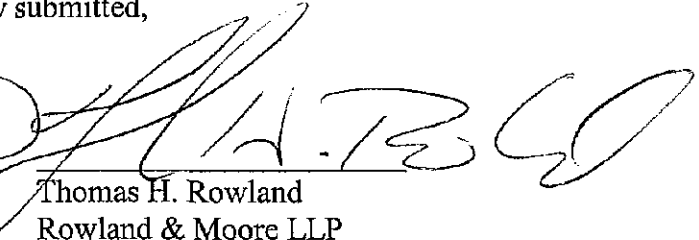
1. The Application for the above-captioned proceeding requires disclosure of documents related to the Company's financial viability. The financial documents (provided as Exhibit I to the Application) are deemed by the Company to be proprietary and confidential;
2. Clear Rate is not a publicly traded company. As such, it does not file financial statements with the SEC;
3. The statements contain sensitive financial information, which Clear Rate protects from disclosure. This information is not generally available to those inside the Company without specific need-to-know, and the Company keeps it in a secure location to prevent inadvertent disclosure. This information has not been released previously;
4. Public disclosure of the information would cause undue harm to Clear Rate and would prove detrimental to Clear Rate's competitive position in the marketplace; and
5. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, it is appropriate for the Commission to limit access to such information. The Confidential Information is being provided for the sole use of the Commission in exercising their respective governmental functions by examining the Application. There is no legitimate purpose to be served in

disclosing this proprietary material to any person other than the appropriate reviewing staffs of the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Clear Rate Communications, Inc. respectfully moves that the Commission issue a Protective Order that will limit the availability of Applicant's Financial Qualifications to the above-referenced Application to the reviewing staffs of the Commission.

Dated: July 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

	
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