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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OHIO

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| In the Matter of the Application of |) | 230 |
| Preferred Long Distance, Inc. to Provide Competitive |) | Case No. 08 - 126 -TP- ACE |
| Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications |) | |
| Services in the State of Ohio |) | |

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Preferred Long Distance, Inc ("Preferred"), pursuant to the Public Utility Commission of Ohio's ("Commission") rules of practice and procedure, respectfully petitions the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for an order to protect the Company's proprietary Financial Statements included in Preferred's *Telecommunications Supplemental Application Form for Carrier Certification* at Exhibit C from disclosure. In support of its Motion, Preferred states as follows:

1. Preferred's income statement and balance sheet, collectively ("Financial Statements") constitute financial data not commonly known by or available to the public. Preferred has used its best efforts to keep and maintain such information confidential. To the best of Preferred's knowledge, current financial information has not been disclosed or released to the public;

2. The Financial Statements derive economic value from not being generally known to and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons, who can obtain economic value from their disclosure and use. Specifically, the information contained therein is extremely sensitive information that could be used by competitors to determine revenue and other information damaging to Preferred in the marketplace. Disclosure of such information would be extremely detrimental and could be used by Preferred's competitors to materially affect Preferred's ability to compete effectively; and

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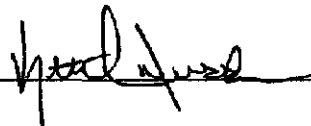
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3. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, it is appropriate for the Commission to limit access to it. The financial statements should solely be used by the Commission in exercising its governmental functions in considering Preferred's Application for operating authority. There is no legitimate purpose or public interest to be served in disclosing the financial statements to Preferred's competitors or, indeed, to any person other than the appropriate staff of the Commission.

For the foregoing reasons, Preferred Services, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant a Protective Order allowing its financial statements to be treated as confidential.

Respectfully submitted this 19 day of February, 2008

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