

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T)
Ohio for Approval of an Alternative Form)
of Regulation of Basic Local Exchange) Case No. 09-447-TP-BLS
Service and Other Tier 1 Services)
Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-4, Ohio)
Administrative Code.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On April 5, 2012, AT&T Ohio (AT&T) moved to extend certain protective orders eighteen months, pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24(D), Ohio Administrative Code. AT&T observes that in an Entry issued June 8, 2009, the Commission granted AT&T's motion to protect proprietary information filed by competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) and wireless carriers. AT&T further notes that on October 19, 2010, the protective order was extended for an additional eighteen months from December 8, 2010, and will expire June 8, 2012.

In support of its motion for a protective order, AT&T contends that the CLEC and wireless carrier information remains proprietary, is competitively sensitive, and merits continued protection as trade secrets. Moreover, AT&T points out that in its interconnection agreements with CLECs and wireless carriers there are provisions that obligate AT&T to maintain confidentiality for an unlimited time. AT&T states that the information that it seeks to protect reveals the presence of CLEC and wireless providers and CLEC market share in AT&T exchanges. The information also includes CLEC line counts and other CLEC and wireless carrier presence indicators in an exchange-specific format.

AT&T acknowledges that the information is no longer the most current. Nevertheless, contends AT&T, CLECs and wireless carriers still regard the information as proprietary and, therefore, trade secret material that meets the criteria for a protective order.

- (2) On April 9, 2012, counsel for Sage Telecom, Inc. (Sage) filed a letter supporting AT&T's motion to extend the protective order. Sage

asserts that it still regards the information under seal as trade secret material that should be protected from public disclosure. Similarly, on April 10, 2012, MCI Communication Services, Inc., dba Verizon Wireless filed letters supporting AT&T's motion. Verizon Business and Verizon Wireless assert that they continue to consider the information under seal to be confidential and competitively sensitive, and thus should be protected from public disclosure.

- (3) The motion to extend the protective order is reasonable and should be continued for 18 months from June 8, 2012. Therefore, for 18 months from June 8, 2012, the Docketing Division should maintain under seal all documents and pleadings filed by AT&T that are currently under seal in this proceeding.
- (4) The attorney examiner notes that considerable time has passed since the filing of confidential information in this proceeding. In light of this, if AT&T, Sage, Verizon Business, and Verizon Wireless wish to extend the protective order beyond December 8, 2013, they should explain in greater detail why the information merits greater protection.

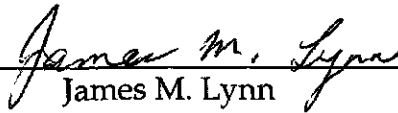
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion to extend the protective order be granted in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Docketing Division should maintain under seal for 18 months from June 8, 2012, all documents that AT&T currently has under seal in this proceeding. It is, further,

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

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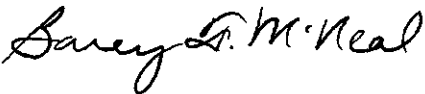


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