

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANNUAL FILING
REQUIREMENTS FOR 2013 PERTAINING
TO THE PROVISIONING OF HIGH COST
UNIVERSAL SERVICE.

CASE NO. 13-1115-TP-COI

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 10, 2020

{¶ 1} Pursuant to the attorney examiner Entry of May 31, 2013, all eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) were directed to file a copy in this docket of all responses to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) May 16, 2013 Order in WC Docket No. 10-90.

{¶ 2} Beginning on October 9, 2013, through November 18, 2013, ETCs filed information consistent with the Entry of May 31, 2013. A number of responding companies submitted redacted filings accompanied by motions for protective treatment.

{¶ 3} Pursuant to the attorney examiner Entry of August 4, 2014, the motions for a protective order relative to the FCC Form 481 were granted with regard to the balance sheets, income statements, statements of cash flow, and service outage reporting.

{¶ 4} On August 6, 2014, Minford Telephone Company (Minford) filed a motion for a protective order regarding specific information contained in its FCC Form 481 filing, which was submitted under seal on October 15, 2013, in this proceeding.

{¶ 5} On August 7, 2014, Frontier North Inc. (Frontier North) filed a revised motion for a protective order specific to outage information included as part of its FCC Form 481 filing, which was submitted under seal on October 15, 2013, in this proceeding.

{¶ 6} On August 15, 2014, New Knoxville Telephone Company (New Knoxville) filed a motion for a protective order specific to its FCC Form 481 financial information (balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows) filed under seal on October 15, 2013, in this proceeding.

{¶ 7} On June 16, 2016, Arthur Mutual Telephone Company, Ayersville Telephone Company, Bascom Mutual Telephone Company, Buckland Telephone Company, Champaign Telephone Company, Columbus Grove Telephone Company, Conneaut Telephone Company, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company, Fort Jennings Telephone Company, Germantown Independent Telephone Company, Glandorf Telephone Company, Kalida Telephone Company, Inc., McClure Telephone Company, Middle Point Home Telephone Company, Orwell Telephone Company, Ottoville Mutual Telephone Company, Pattersonville Telephone Company, Ridgeville Telephone Company, Sherwood Mutual Telephone Association, Sycamore Telephone Company, Telephone Service Company, Vaughnsville Telephone Company, and Wabash Mutual Telephone Company filed a joint motion seeking a renewal of the protective treatment granted in the Entry of August 4, 2014.

{¶ 8} Pursuant to the Entry of August 19, 2016, the attorney examiner granted the June 16, 2016, motion for a renewal of protective treatment. In particular, the attorney examiner determined that the motion to continue the protective order should be granted due to the continued proprietary nature of the relevant information and that the previously issued protective orders should be extended for a period of twenty-four months from the date of this Entry.

{¶ 9} With respect to the motions of Minford, Frontier North, and New Knoxville, filed on August 6, 2014, August 7, 2014, and August 15, 2014, respectively, the attorney examiner determined that the pending motions were moot inasmuch as the information had already remained under seal for a 24-month period of time and that no request for the extension of protective treatment had been filed. The docketing division was directed to release the information previously filed under seal by Minford, Frontier North, and New Knoxville within seven days from the date of the August 19, 2016, Entry.

{¶ 10} On August 22, 2016, Frontier North filed a motion to stay the deadline for the release of information. Concurrently, Frontier North filed a motion to continue to protect the information filed under seal on October 15, 2013, and granted protection pursuant to the Entry of August 4, 2014.

{¶ 11} On August 23, 2016, New Knoxville filed a motion to stay the release of confidential trade secret information as required by the Entry of August 19, 2016, and a request for an expedited ruling. Further, New Knoxville filed an application for rehearing of the attorney examiner's determination that the trade secret information should no longer be protected and sought a 24-month extension of the previously granted protective treatment.¹

{¶ 12} On August 24, 2016, Minford filed a motion for a protective order, a motion for a stay of the August 19, 2016 requirement that previously determined confidential information be released on the public record, and a request for expedited relief.

{¶ 13} Pursuant to the Entry of August 26, 2016, the attorney examiner granted that the motions for a protective and/or an extension of protective treatment filed by Frontier North, New Knoxville, and Minford. The attorney examiner stated that the protective treatment would be extended for a period of twenty-four months from the date of the Entry.

{¶ 14} A review of the record in this matter reflects that all of the grants of the twenty-four months of protective treatment have now expired and that none of the affected companies have filed to seek an extension of the previously granted protective treatment. Accordingly, absent the filing of such requests, the docketing division is directed to release, seven days from the date of this Entry, all of the information currently filed under seal in this docket.

{¶ 15} It is, therefore,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That the information filed under seal in this docket be released to the public seven days from the date of this Entry consistent with Paragraph 14. It is, further,

¹ New Knoxville's August 23, 2016 pleading was considered as a motion for extension of protective treatment rather than as an application for rehearing.

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry releasing the information filed under seal in this docket. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Jay S. Agranoff, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio