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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE
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Comity Communications, LLC)
)
Application for a Certificate of)
Local and Interexchange Authority)
to Operate as Reseller and Facilities-based)
Carrier of Telecommunications)
Services in the State of Illinois.)

Docket No. 09 0619

PETITION OF COMITY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Comity Communications, LLC ("Comity" or "Applicant") hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for relief to protect from disclosure, for not less than five years, financial information required in Comity's application for a certificate to operate as a reseller and facilities-based carrier of telecommunications services in the State of Illinois ("Application"). This petition is filed in accordance with 83 Illinois Administrative Code § 200.430(c). In support of this Petition, the Applicant states the following:

1. Comity is applying to operate as a reseller and facilities-based carrier of local and interexchange telecommunications services;
2. Applicant is a small utility as defined by Illinois Administrative Code § 340.20;
3. Comity is required to submit certain financial information, *Exhibits D and F* ("Confidential Information"), in support of its Application;
4. *Exhibit D* contains proprietary Company financial statements and Exhibit F contains a confidential Chart of Accounts, all of which are proprietary and confidential;

5. Applicant seeks to protect from disclosure such Confidential Information, which disclosure to competitors or potential competitors would likely limit its ability to compete in the highly competitive telecommunications industry;

6. In addition, Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom Information Act, exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets or information . . . where disclosure of the trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm" 5 ILCS §140/7(1)(g).

7. Applicant's Confidential Information falls within this allowed exemption; and

8. Applicant seeks an Order from the Commission, without hearing, protecting the Confidential Information from disclosure for a period of not less than five (5) years.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting the financial information of the Applicant for a period of not less than five (5) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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