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ACN Communication Services, LLC Petition for Emergency Relief to Protect Petitioner's Annual Report from Disclosure for not less than Two Years in Order to Protect Highly Proprietary Information	)))))	**Docket No.** 16-0200

PETITION

NOW COMES, **ACN Communication Services, LLC** ("Petitioner") and hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for emergency relief to protect Petitioner's 2015 Annual Report from disclosure for not less than two years in order to protect highly proprietary information included therein. In support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is certificated by the Commission to provide competitive telecommunications services in the state of Illinois.

2. Petitioner is required to file an Annual Report pursuant to Section 5-109 of The Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/5-109).

3. The Annual Report of the Petitioner contains highly proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information, the disclosure of which to competitors, or potential competitors, would be detrimental to Petitioner.

4. The telecommunications industry is highly competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained in the Annual Report of Petitioner be avoided for a period of at least two years following the issuance of an Order by the Commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.

5. Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g), exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information.... where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential, or where disclosure of such trade secrets or information may cause competitive harm." The Annual Report of Petitioner, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption.

6. Petitioner seeks an Order from this Commission, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety Petitioner's Annual Report for a period of not less than two years.

WHEREFORE, **ACN Communication Services, LLC** respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety the 2015 Annual Report of the Petitioner for a period of not less than two years.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Laurie McDonough
VP of Tax - North America
ACN Communication Services, LLC

STATE OF North Carolina §
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COUNTY OF Cabarrus §

VERIFICATION

Laurie McDonough, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he/she is the VP of Tax - North America of ACN Communication Services, LLC , that he/she has read the above and foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the same are true to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief.

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Laurie McDonough
VP of Tax - North America
ACN Communication Services, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March, 2016.

Lynn Moosmann

Notary Public

LYNN MOOSMANN
Notary Public
Cabarrus County
NORTH CAROLINA