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Peerless Network of Illinois, 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.

16-0277

PETITION

NOW COMES, Peerless Network of Illinois, 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.

