

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

USHMAN COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY )  
 )  
Petition for emergency relief to protect )  
Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure )  
for not less than five years in order to )  
protect highly proprietary information. )

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PETITION

NOW COMES, Ushman Communications Company ("Petitioner") and hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for emergency relief to protect Petitioner's Annual Report from disclosure for not less than five years in order to protect highly proprietary information included therein. in support of this Petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a telecommunications carrier regulated by the Commission subject to the limitations contained in 13-701 of The Public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/13-701).
2. 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.
3. 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 five years following the issuance of an Order by the Commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.
4. 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". The Annual Report of Petitioner, which is the subject matter of this Petition, falls within this exemption.
5. 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 five years.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting from disclosure in its entirety the 1999 Annual Report of the Petitioner for a period of not less than five years.

DATED this 10th day of February, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

USHMAN COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

By: Charles R. Ushman  
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President & CEO

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**Verification of Applicant**

Ushman Communications Company, Ushman Network Resources verifies that the residential and business customers it seeks to serve can obtain these same services from Ameritech or other providers.

Ushman Communications Company, Ushman Network Resources will provide on a competitive basis, under Section 13-502(e) of the Public Utilities Act, intrastate local and interexchange services between and among points within Illinois, except MSA 1, in those areas served by Ameritech.

The preceding tariff describes the service Ushman Network Resources will provide.

I Charles R. Ushman, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Ushman Communications Company, Ushman Network Resources division, verify that, based upon information and belief, I have knowledge of the statements in the foregoing Application, and I declare that they are true and correct.

  
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Charles R. Ushman, Chief Executive Officer

SWORN TO BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000

STATE OF ILLINOIS

County of Sangamon

  
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Notary Public



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