

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Complaint against KMC Telecom III LLC, KMC Telecom V, Inc., and KMC Data LLC for alleged failure to pay intrastate access charges pursuant to its interconnection agreement and Sprint's tariffs and for alleged violation of Section 364.16(3)(a), F.S., by Sprint-Florida, Incorporated.

DOCKET NO. 041144-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-05-0840-CFO-TP
ISSUED: August 18, 2005

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
OF DOCUMENT NOS. 06560-05, 06561-05, 06559-05 AND
CROSS-REFERENCED DOCUMENT NOS. 06483-05, 06580, AND 07476-05

Case Background

On September 24, 2004, Sprint-Florida, Incorporated (Sprint) filed its complaint against KMC Telecom III LLC, KMC Telecom V, Inc., and KMC Data LLC (collectively KMC) for alleged failure to pay intrastate access charges pursuant to its interconnection agreement and Sprint's tariffs, and for alleged violation of Section 364.16(3)(a), F.S.

On October 15, 2004, KMC filed a motion to dismiss, and on October 21, 2004, Sprint filed its response to KMC's motion to dismiss. On December 3, 2004, Order No. PSC-04-1204-FOF-TP was issued denying KMC's motion to dismiss. On January 19, 2005, the parties met to identify issues to be resolved in this proceeding. On January 30, 2005, the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-05-0125-PCO-TP, was issued. Thereafter, the scheduled was revised by Order No. PSC-05-0402-PCO-TP, issued April 18, 2005. The hearing in this matter was conducted on July 12, 2005.

On July 12, 2005, Sprint filed the transcripts of the depositions of Sprint witnesses Miller, Schaffer, and Aggarwal. Each of those three transcripts was accompanied by a claim of confidentiality. They were identified as Document Nos. 06560-05, 06561-05, 06559-05. On August 2, 2005, Sprint filed its Request for Confidential Classification of those three documents.

Sprint alleges that the depositions of witnesses Schaffer and Aggarwal contain account and contract information that is confidential and proprietary. Additionally, the deposition of witness Miller, who represents the Agilent company, contains trade secret information and contractual information, the release of which would impair Sprint's ability to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. According to Sprint, the material for which protection is requested contains information that Sprint is required by law (§364.24, F.S.) and/or contract (Sprint's interconnection agreements) to keep confidential. Further, the subject information has not been publicly released by Sprint.

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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Pursuant to Section 119.01, Florida Statutes, documents submitted to this Commission are public records. The only exceptions to this presumption are the specific statutory exemptions provided in the law and exemptions granted by governmental agencies pursuant to the specific terms of a statutory provision. This presumption is based on the concept that government should operate in the "sunshine." The Public Records Law is to be liberally construed in favor of open government, and exemptions from disclosure are to be narrowly construed so they are limited to their stated purpose. Seminole County v. Wood, 512 So. 2d 1000 (Fla. 5th DCA 1987), *rev. denied* 520 So. 2d 586 (Fla. 1986). The determination of whether information is proprietary confidential business information is a matter of discretion. Florida Society of Newspaper Editors, Inc. v. Florida Public Service Commission, 543 So. 2d 1262, 1265 (1st DCA 1989) *rehearing den.* June 12, 1989. When determining whether information should be deemed confidential, the public interest in disclosing the information must be weighed against the potential harm to the entity if the information were disclosed.

The only exceptions to the presumption that documents should be accessible to the public are the specific statutory exemptions provided in the law and exemptions granted by governmental agencies pursuant to the specific terms of a statutory provision. Rule 25-22.006(4)(c), Florida Administrative Code, provides that the Company must either demonstrate that the documents fall within one of the statutory examples of "proprietary confidential business information" as defined by Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes, or, if none of the examples are applicable, show that disclosure of the information will harm the Company's ratepayers or its business operations.

Based on the definition of proprietary confidential business information in Section 364.183(3), Florida Statutes, it appears that the material described herein is proprietary business information in accordance with Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. As such, Sprint's Request for Specified Confidential Classification of Document Nos., 06560-05, 06561-05, 06559-05 and cross-referenced Document Nos. 06483-05, 06580, and 07476-05, is hereby granted.

It is therefore

ORDERED by Commissioner Rudolph "Rudy" Bradley, as Prehearing Officer, that Sprint-Florida, Incorporated's Request for Confidential Classification of Document Nos. 06560-05, 06561-05, 06559-05 and cross-referenced Document Nos. 06483-05, 06580, and 07476-05 is hereby granted, as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further


ORDERED that in accordance with Rule 25-22.006(10), Florida Administrative Code, any material denied confidential classification by this Order shall be kept confidential until the time for filing an appeal has expired. It is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 364.183, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, any confidentiality granted herein shall expire eighteen (18) months from the date of issuance of this Order in the absence of a renewed request for confidentiality pursuant to Section 364.183. It is further

ORDERED that this Order will be the only notification by the Commission to the parties concerning the expiration of the confidentiality time period. It is further

ORDERED that this Docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of Commissioner Rudolph "Rudy" Bradley, as Prehearing Officer, this
18th day of August, 2005.



RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY
Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.