

**Before the Federal Communication
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In re:)
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Elkhart Telephone Company)
Tariff No. 1)
)
Transmittal No. 58)

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF
DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION AND COST SUPPORT**

Elkhart Telephone Company (“Elkhart”) respectfully requests confidential treatment of the cost and revenue data provided in the Description and Justification and Cost Support that Elkhart filed with Transmittal No. 58 on December, 17, 2001. Pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission’s Rules, Elkhart states as follows:

1. The confidential information is provided pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of DA-01-2748, which implements the Commission’s Order in the “MAG Plan” docket, CC 00-256.

2. The information consists of cost and revenue data both in the aggregate and for specific categories of cost and revenue. Such data is of the type that businesses normally keep confidential and Elkhart in fact keeps confidential. The confidential information provided is sensitive commercial data. See 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b(4).

4. The confidential information concerns services that are subject to competition, namely exchange access services and local exchange service.

5. Disclosure of the confidential information would allow potential competitors to analyze the revenues flowing to Elkhart from various services and the

costs Elkhart incurs in providing these services, thus allowing the competitor an unfair advantage in preparing competing offerings and harming Elkhart.

6. Elkhart does not object to disclosure of the confidential information to representatives or employees of parties participating in this proceeding, so long as such persons sign a standard Commission-approved confidentiality agreement such as the Agreement attached to DA 01-2220 (review of 2001 Annual Access Tariff Filings) (released September 21, 2001). The Agreement will ensure that the confidential material is only used to assist the representative's (or employee's) party in participating in review of the tariff filing.

WHEREFORE, Elkhart respectfully requests that the Description and Justification and Cost Support submitted with its Transmittal No. 58 be deemed confidential and be indefinitely protected from public inspection

Respectfully submitted,

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