

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc.
Access Services
Price Schedule**

Case No. PU-12-264

ORDER GRANTING TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

June 20, 2012

Preliminary Statement

1. Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. (Integra) applied for trade secret protection on June 12, 2012, pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01 and requested a protective order in accordance with the provisions of the N.D. Admin. Code.
2. The information identified by their application includes material that contains detailed volume and demand data by individual component of access service, which are competitively sensitive. All of the confidential information being submitted is viewed as highly proprietary by Integra and is closely guarded to maintain its confidentiality. The traffic volume data at the level of detail being submitted by Integra is closely guarded by all carriers offering access services.
3. Commission staff as required by N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-03 have on June 13, 2012, made a prima facie recommendation that the information is trade secret as defined by N.D.C.C. § 47-25.1-01(4).
4. The information for which trade secret protection is sought is highly confidential and of a propriety and financial nature and as provided in N.D.C.C. § 44-04-18.4, has been kept confidential by Integra and would be of advantage to competitors if not protected.
5. If competitors had access to such confidential information, it could adversely affect prices all to the ultimate disadvantage of consumers and customers of Integra.
6. The Commission, in consideration of Staff's prima facie recommendation, determines that the information is a trade secret as defined by N.D.C.C. ch. 47-25.1 and

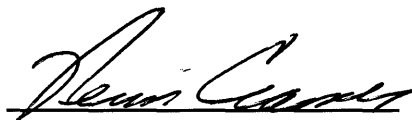
N.D. Admin. Code ch. 69-02-09;

IT IS, THEREFORE,

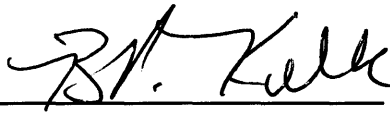
ORDERED Integra is hereby granted trade secret protection pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of N.D.C.C. ch. 47-25.1 and N.D. Admin. Code ch. 69-02-09 for the information identified by the application; and it is further

ORDERED that this order shall not constitute precedent for a determination of entitlement to trade secret protection for any information upon any subsequent application.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



**Kevin Cramer
Commissioner**



**Brian P. Kalk
Chairman**

Vacant