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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)
SRT Communications, Inc.)
Intrastate Access Tariff)
Request for Approval of Initial)
Intrastate Access Tariff)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-12-

APPLICATION FOR TRADE SECRET PROTECTION

COMES NOW, SRT Communications, Inc. ("SRT") and respectfully move the Commission for entry of a trade secret protective order under § 69-02-09-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. The purpose of the requested protective order is to protect against public disclosure of trade secret information as defined by NDCC § 47-25.1-01(4).

1. A general description of the nature of the information sought to be protected.

The financial and rate information requested to be submitted with the filing of the SRT Communications, Inc. Access Tariff reflects detailed financial, minutes-of-use, demand, revenue, and rate design information that is only known to SRT and their authorized agents. This information submitted with this Application is highly confidential in that it is only maintained by SRT and not available through any source other than SRT or their authorized agents. Furthermore, this information could have economic value to potential competitors, and in a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive and its public disclosure would place SRT at a competitive disadvantage

2. Explanation of why the information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to other persons.

The information could have economic value to potential vendors, contractors, and suppliers who may desire to supply components of services being offered by SRT. Additionally, competitors may wish to "cherry pick" and based on this information, decide to target certain parts of the various SRT service territory where the revenue potential is the greatest. Competitors could use such information against SRT's interest in the course of submitted proposals as well as in developing their own business plans.

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- 3. An explanation of why the information is not readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons.**

The confidentiality of the information has been maintained by SRT. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents of SRT who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the project or to third persons pursuant to agreement to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

- 4. A general description of the persons or entities that would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.**

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, potential equipment and material vendors, contractors, and other suppliers of telecommunications services would obtain economic value from disclosure of the costs, demand, minutes-of-use, and other confidential information.

- 5. A specific description of know competitors and competitors' goods and services that is pertinent to the tariff or rate filing.**

Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, potential equipment and material vendors, contractors, and other suppliers of telecommunications services would obtain economic value from disclosure of the demand, minutes-of-use, and other confidential information.

- 6. A description of the efforts used to maintain the secrecy of the information.**

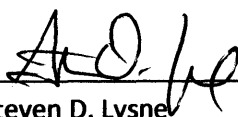
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In accordance with § 69-02-09-02 of the North Dakota Administrative code, one copy of the trade secret material is provided in the enclosed sealed envelope which is labeled: TRADE SECRET-PRIVATE.

Respectfully submitted on June 7, 2012.

SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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