BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	)	DOCKET NO. 03-0272
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Instituting a Proceeding to Implement the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") *Triennial Review Order*, FCC No. 03-36	)	

PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. 20761

STIPULATION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

EXHIBIT "A"

and

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii ("Commission") has initiated a proceeding to implement the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Triennial Review Order, FCC No. 03-36;

WHEREAS, the Parties to the proceeding are Verizon Hawaii Inc. ("Verizon"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy (the "Consumer Advocate"), AT&T Communications of Hawaii, Inc. ("AT&T"), Pacific LightNet, Inc. ("PLNI"), Time Warner Telecom of Hawaii, L.P. dba Oceanic Communications ("Time Warner"), the United States Department of Defense and All Other Federal Executive Agencies ("DOD"), Direct Telephone Company Inc. ("DTC"), Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("SIC") and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCImetro") (individually, a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties");

WHEREAS, the Parties anticipate that during the course of this proceeding, information considered to be confidential by a Party may be requested or filed;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to establish a set of procedures and provisions pertaining to the use and disclosure of information considered to be confidential and any information that any Party may in the future contend to be confidential;

WHEREAS, the Parties understand that during the course of the evidentiary hearing in this matter, if any, if it becomes necessary to address any information provided pursuant to this protective order during the course of the hearing, that portion of the proceeding will be heard as provided for in paragraph 18, below; and

WHEREAS, the Parties understand and recognize that if any information is requested that is considered confidential by a vendor of a Party, additional agreements and protection may be needed before the release of such information, under additional confidential protection, can be accomplished;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, in accordance with Section 6-61-50 of the Rules, that the Commission issue a protective order covering the confidential information identified in the course of this phase of the proceeding and concerning the appropriate DS-0 cross over point:

TERMS OF THE ORDER

1. This protective order governs the classification, acquisition, and use of trade secrets and other confidential information produced by any Party in Part II of this docket.

2. All Parties or participants to all or any portion of this docket, including persons who are granted intervention or participation after the effective date of this protective order, shall be subject to this protective order and shall be entitled to all

confidential information of a Party or participant under the provisions of this protective order to the extent allowed by the Commission.

APPLICATION OF THE UNIFORM INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT

3. To the extent that any of the documents covered by this protective order consist of "government records," as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §92F-3, the provisions of HRS Chapter 92F ("Uniform Information Practices Act" or "UIPA") shall apply to the disclosure of information contained in such documents. In the event any provision of this protective order conflicts with any provision of the UIPA, the UIPA shall control.

CLASSIFICATION

4. A Party to this proceeding may designate as confidential any information it believes, in good faith, contains trade secrets or other confidential research, development, commercial, financial, vendor, or bid information, including but not limited to cost support studies. Such information shall be protected against disclosure to a non-qualified person pursuant to the terms of this protective order, unless such information is declassified, or permission to disclose the information to such non-qualified person is granted by the Party claiming confidentiality, as provided in paragraph 13 below.

5. If a Party designates information as confidential pursuant to paragraph 4 above or 6 below, it shall produce the confidential information in accordance with the procedures described in paragraphs 11 through 14 below, and concurrently provide certain information in writing to the Commission and the Consumer Advocate. If a Party seeks to designate information as confidential, it must: (1) identify, in reasonable detail,

the information's source, character, and location, (2) state clearly the basis for the claim of confidentiality, and (3) describe, with particularity, the cognizable harm to the producing Party from any misuse or unpermitted disclosure of the information. If the Commission or any Party challenges the claim of confidentiality of the information, the Party claiming confidentiality shall bear the burden of proof in supporting its claim of confidentiality, and the Commission will determine whether the information is confidential and whether it should be disclosed under a protective order. Any challenge to the confidentiality of any information shall be made in accordance with paragraph 24 below.

6. Confidential information provided to the Commission or a Party, orally or in any other form, shall be protected as fully as confidential information provided in written form. A Party shall notify the Commission and the Parties when information provided orally or in other than written form includes confidential information. At the time of such notification, the Party shall, in the manner provided in paragraph 5 above, specify the subject-matter of such confidential information, the basis for the claim of confidentiality, and the cognizable harm to the producing Party from any misuse or unpermitted disclosure of the information.

FORMS OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

7. All information claimed to be confidential information shall be subject to the terms of this protective order, and shall be treated by all qualified persons (as defined by this protective order) as constituting confidential information. Unless a different treatment is warranted, any notes, summaries, abstracts, or analyses that are

prepared by counsel, experts, or other qualified persons, and that reflect the underlying confidential information, shall also be subject to the terms of this protective order.

DESIGNATION

8. Any Party claiming that information is confidential shall place upon the applicable material the following legend:

CONFIDENTIAL
SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER

Whenever only a portion of a document, transcript, or other material is deemed to contain confidential information, the Party shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, limit the claim of confidentiality to only such portion. However, if such limitation is not reasonably practicable, the entire document, transcript, or other material may be designated as confidential information.

9. With respect to any confidential information that is not under the control of the Party claiming the information is confidential, other persons shall, to the extent requested by that Party, cooperate to ensure that all copies of such confidential information bear the legend required in paragraph 8 above.

10. Any Party may request the Commission to designate as confidential information any document or other information previously produced but not designated as confidential, provided that the Party, in the manner provided in paragraph 5 above, specifies the subject-matter of such confidential information, the basis for the claim of confidentiality, and the cognizable harm to the producing Party from any misuse or unpermitted disclosure of the information. In addition, the Party claiming confidentiality shall substitute the previously-produced but not designated as confidential material with the identical material under designation as required in Paragraph 8 above.

DISCLOSURE

11. Except as provided in paragraph 13, confidential information shall not be made available or disclosed to any person who is not a "qualified person" as defined in paragraph 12 below.

12. "Qualified person," as used in this protective order means any one of the following:

a. The author(s), addressee(s), or originator(s) of the confidential information;

b. The Commission and its staff;

c. The Consumer Advocate, its staff, counsel, (including employees directly employed by such counsel), and any consultants retained by the Consumer Advocate for this proceeding;

d. Counsel of record for a Party, including employees directly employed by such counsel;

e. Independent consultants employed by a Party who are not employees of the Party, or in-house subject matter experts and/or regulatory personnel, who are not engaged in developing, planning, marketing, or selling the Party's products or services, or determining the costs of the Party's products or services or designing prices of the Party's products or services to be charged customers;

f. Any person approved by the Party asserting the claim of confidentiality; and

g. Any person designated as a qualified person by order of the Commission.

Any party may object to a qualified person's receiving a particular set or sets of confidential information by notifying the receiving party and detailing the reasons for the objection. The qualified person or the Party that the qualified person is assisting may respond to the objection within five business days. If the parties cannot agree, the producing party shall file with the Commission and serve all parties with its notice to the qualified person and the qualified person's response, after which the Commission shall determine whether to permit the disclosure of the confidential information in question to the qualified person. Until the parties reach an agreement or the Commission has

resolved the objection, the qualified person who is the subject of the objection shall not receive the confidential information in question.

13. When a qualified person wishes to disclose confidential information to a non-qualified person, the qualified person must request permission from the Party claiming confidentiality. The request shall identify the non-qualified person to whom disclosure is desired; disclose any past, present, or anticipated affiliation between the qualified person and the non-qualified person; specify the exact information to be disclosed; and state the reasons for disclosure. If permission is granted by the Party claiming confidentiality, disclosure of the confidential information shall be made to such non-qualified person in the same manner as provided for qualified persons in paragraph 14 below.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING ACCESS

14. Prior to disclosing confidential information to a qualified person other than the Commission and its staff, the qualified person shall read a copy of this protective order, complete a copy of the agreement attached as Exhibit "A" to this protective order, and sign the completed copy of the agreement. A copy of the executed agreement shall be delivered to the Party claiming confidentiality and the Commission.

USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

15. Any confidential information obtained under this protective order shall be used solely in connection with this proceeding and any related administrative and judicial proceedings (at which time the information will continue to be treated as confidential), and shall not be used for any other purpose, including business, governmental or commercial purposes, or in any other administrative or judicial proceeding, except as provided in paragraphs 16 and 17, and except as may be

directed by (a) an order of court, (b) an order of the Commission, and (c) the UIPA, including any ruling of the Office of Information Practices.

16. Subject to relevance, materiality and any other evidentiary requirements and subject to confidential protection as contained or set forth in this protective order, any confidential information obtained under this protective order may be used by the Commission and its staff in any proceeding pending before the Commission involving the producing Party, or where the intended use of such confidential information is for the purpose of assisting the Commission in fulfilling its statutory duties and responsibilities. The confidential information shall continue to be treated as confidential until the protection conferred by this protective order (or any other applicable protective order) is terminated by the producing Party, or until further order of the Commission.

17. Subject to relevance, materiality and any other evidentiary requirements and subject to confidential protection as contained or set forth in this protective order, any confidential information obtained under this protective order may be used by the Consumer Advocate, its staff, its consultant and its counsel in any proceeding pending before the Commission involving the producing Party, or where the intended use of such confidential information is for the purpose of assisting the Consumer Advocate in fulfilling its statutory duties and responsibilities. The confidential information shall continue to be treated as confidential until the protection conferred by this protective order (or any other applicable protective order) is terminated by the producing Party, or until further order of the Commission.

18. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, if a Party desires to file written testimony, information requests, exhibits or any other material that contain or

reflect the confidential information, only that part of the page(s) containing or reflecting such information shall be treated as confidential, and that part of any hearing at which such information is discussed shall be held in camera, or under other conditions imposed by the Commission to prevent unnecessary public disclosure of such information. A copy of any confidential page, with any such information deleted, shall be filed to be included in the public record, and each such page shall contain the following designation in the upper left-hand corner:

Confidential Information Deleted
Pursuant To Protective Order No._____.

RETENTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

19. Confidential information shall be retained in a locked cabinet dedicated to the storage of confidential information, or otherwise secured to ensure that access to and disclosure of the confidential information is limited to a qualified person.

20. Confidential information that is given to or filed with the Commission or its staff shall be separately bound and placed in a sealed envelope or other appropriate sealed container on which shall appear the following legend:

THIS ENVELOPE IS SEALED PURSUANT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. _____ AND CONTAINS DOCUMENTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. IT IS NOT TO BE OPENED OR THE CONTENTS OF THIS ENVELOPE DISPLAYED OR REVEALED EXCEPT TO QUALIFIED PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO INSPECT THE ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS.

21. Confidential information shall not be reproduced or duplicated, except to make working copies and copies to be filed with the Commission under seal. If a

document contains information so sensitive that it should not be copied by anyone, it shall bear the following legend: "Copying Prohibited."

22. If a court or other administrative agency requests, subpoenas, or orders production of confidential information that a Party or person has obtained under this protective order, that Party or person, prior to disclosure, shall promptly notify the Party claiming confidentiality of the request, subpoena, or order.

DURATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY

23. The confidentiality of the information produced pursuant to this protective order shall be preserved until all interested Parties, by written stipulation, terminate the protection conferred by this protective order, or until further order of the Commission.

APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION

24. If any interested person disagrees with the designation of information as confidential, the Party claiming confidentiality and the person so disagreeing shall first make a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute on an informal basis. If the dispute cannot be resolved, the person contesting the confidentiality of the information shall file a motion to compel disclosure or any other appropriate motion with the Commission. The Party claiming confidentiality shall bear the burden of proof in supporting its claim, and the Commission will determine whether the information shall continue to be designated as confidential under this protective order. Pending a disposition of the motion, the information in question shall be treated as confidential information and shall not be disclosed except as permitted in this protective order.

NON-WAIVER OF OBJECTIONS AND RIGHTS

25. The Parties retain the right to contest any assertion or finding of confidentiality or of non-confidentiality.

26. The Parties retain the right to question, challenge, and object to the admissibility of confidential information on the grounds of relevancy or materiality.

27. Nothing in this protective order shall prevent any Party from objecting to requests for production of information or other discovery requests.

MODIFICATION OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

28. The Commission may modify this protective order on the motion of any Party, or on its own motion, upon reasonable notice to the Parties and an opportunity for hearing.

DISPOSAL OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

29. Except as provided in paragraphs 30 and 31 below, within 90 days after the conclusion of this proceeding, persons in possession of confidential information shall, at the option of the Party producing the confidential information, return or destroy all such materials and all copies, notes, tapes, papers, or other medium containing, summarizing, excerpting, or otherwise embodying any confidential information. If the Party producing the confidential information requests destruction, the person destroying the information shall certify its destruction to the producing Party, indicating the name of the person destroying the documents, the method of destruction, and the identity of the specific documents destroyed.

30. Counsel and the representatives of record for a Party shall be entitled to retain memoranda, pleadings, exhibits of record, written testimony, and transcripts

embodying information derived from or incorporating confidential information to the extent reasonably necessary to preserve files on this proceeding. The files shall not be disclosed to any other person.

31. Confidential information produced in this proceeding shall remain in the possession of the Commission, the Consumer Advocate and counsel for the Consumer Advocate for the duration required by applicable statute.

SANCTIONS

32. Any person violating this protective order shall be subject to sanctions, if any, imposed by the Commission.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, January 12, 2004.

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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED THIS 15th day of January, 2004, at Honolulu, Hawaii.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By_____
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By_____
Wayne H. Kimura, Commissioner

By_____
Janet E. Kawelo, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Commission Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT

1. I, _____, have been presented with a copy of Protective Order No. _____ issued by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii in Docket No. 03-0272 on the _____ day of _____, 2004 ("Protective Order").

2. I am employed by, retained by or assisting _____ in Docket No. 03-0272 and have requested review of the confidential information covered by the Protective Order.

3. I understand the confidential information covered by the Protective Order is to be used solely to assist _____ and that unless otherwise permitted by the Protective Order, I am to make no other use of the confidential information, nor am I to disclose the confidential information to any other person.

4. I further understand that at the conclusion of my assistance to _____, I shall account for each copy, extract, note and summary of, or other document containing any part of such confidential information to the Party claiming confidentiality and I shall abide by the provisions in paragraph 29 of the Protective Order, unless otherwise permitted by paragraphs 30 and 31 of the Protective Order.

5. I hereby certify that I have read the above-mentioned Protective Order and agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

DATED at: _____, _____, this _____, 2004.
(city) (state) (date)

_____
Signature

_____
_____
_____
Address

(____)_____
Telephone Number

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. _____, upon the following Party(s), by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid and properly addressed.

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