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July 21, 2009

Secretary James McNulty
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, Filing Room
Commonwealth Keystone Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Core Communications, Inc. v. AT&T Communications of PA, LLC and TCG
Pittsburgh, Inc.
Docket Nos. C-2009-2108186 and C-2009-2108239**

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed please find a Petition for Protective Order on behalf of Core Communications, Inc. which was filed electronically today in the above-captioned matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

STEVENS & LEE


Michael A. Gruin

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service
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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Core Communications, Inc.)	
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Complainant)	
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v.)	
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AT&T Communications of PA, LLC,)	
)	Docket No. C-2009-2108186
and)	Docket No. C-2009-2108239
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TCG Pittsburgh, Inc.)	
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Respondents)	
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**PETITION OF CORE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER
GOVERNING PRODUCTION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

In accordance with 52 Pa. Code §5.423, Core Communications, Inc. (“Core”) hereby files this uncontested Petition For A Protective Order Governing Production of Confidential Material. In support of this Petition, Core avers as follows:

1. In connection with this proceeding, the parties anticipate that they may be required to file with the Commission and/or furnish to the parties through formal and informal discovery non-public, proprietary information and documents that contain sensitive information, including but not limited to information that is either specified as confidential by its terms or pertains to business practices, operations, or financial matters that are commercially sensitive or that are ordinarily considered and treated as confidential by the producing party
2. The parties would be substantially harmed if this information were filed and/or provided to parties without restriction, because it would then become public information available for review by

actual or potential competitors of the parties. For example, if the material is not kept in a proprietary folder in the Secretary's office and, instead made public, then competitors of either party could obtain copies of such information to the detriment of the owner of such information. Also, information not marked proprietary could be publicly released in orders or other official documents available on the Commission's website. Given the sensitive nature of certain information, the parties seek herein to prevent such public disclosure.

3. The parties believe the discovery, hearing, and briefing process of this matter will be facilitated by the adoption, at the earliest possible time, of the Protective Order attached as Exhibit A hereto to govern the treatment of proprietary materials. This Order would protect all proprietary materials from disclosure to the public.

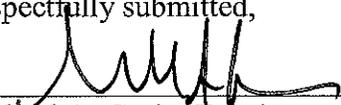
4. The text of the Protective Order is substantially similar to other Protective Orders routinely issued by the Commission.

5. Core has shared the proposed text of the Protective Order with Counsel for the Respondents, and Counsel for the Respondents has indicated that she has no objection to the entry of the Order as drafted.

WHEREFORE, Core Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Protective Order attached as Exhibit A hereto be entered.

Dated: July 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted,



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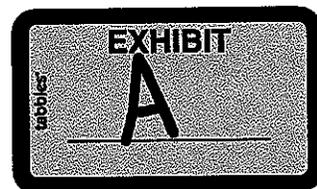
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PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. This Protective Order is hereby granted with respect to all materials and information identified at Ordering Paragraphs 2 and 3 which are filed with the Commission, produced in discovery, or otherwise presented during these proceedings. All persons now and hereafter granted access to the materials and information identified in Ordering Paragraphs 2 and 3 shall use and disclose such information only in accordance with this Order.

2. The materials subject to this Order are all correspondence, documents, data, information, studies, methodologies and other materials which a party or an affiliate of a party furnishes in this proceeding pursuant to Commission rules and regulations, discovery procedures or cross-examination or provides as a courtesy to the Office of Trial Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate or any other party, which are claimed to be of a proprietary or confidential nature and which are designated "PROPRIETARY" (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Proprietary Information").



3. In addition, parties may designate extremely sensitive Proprietary Information as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter referred to as "Highly Confidential Information") and thus secure the additional protections set forth in this Order pertaining to such material. Highly Confidential Information shall be only such Proprietary Information that constitutes or describes the producing party's marketing plans including inter alia, costing and pricing aspects thereof, competitive strategies, market share projections, marketing materials that have not yet been used, customer-identifying information, or customer prospects for services that are subject to competition.

4. Proprietary Information and Highly Confidential Information shall be made available to the Commission and its Staff for use in this proceeding. For purposes of filing, to the extent that Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information is placed in the Commission's report folders, such information shall be handled in accordance with routine Commission procedures inasmuch as the report folders are not subject to public disclosure. To the extent that Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information is placed in the Commission's testimony or document folders, such information shall be separately bound, conspicuously marked, and accompanied by a copy of this Order. Public inspection of Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be permitted only in accordance with this Order.

5. Proprietary Information and Highly Confidential Information shall be made available to counsel of record in this proceeding pursuant to the following procedures:

a. Proprietary Information. To the extent required for participation in this proceeding, a party's counsel may afford access to Proprietary Information made available by another party (the "Producing Party") to the party's expert(s), subject to the following restrictions:

i. Such expert(s) may not hold any of the following positions with any competitor of the Producing Party: (a) an officer, board member, stockholder, partner, owner other than stock or employee who is primarily

involved in the pricing, development, and/or marketing of products or services that are offered in competition with those of the Producing Party; or (b) an officer, board member, stockholder, partner, owner other than stock of any affiliate of a competitor of the Producing Party; provided, however, that any expert shall not be disqualified on account of being a stockholder, partner or owner unless his/her interest in the business constitutes a significant potential for violations of the limitations of permissible use of the Proprietary Information. For purposes of this Order, stocks, partnership, or other ownership interest valued at less than \$100,000 and/or constituting less than a 2% interest in a business does not, in itself, establish a significant potential for violation.

ii. If a party's independent expert, another member of the independent expert's firm or the independent expert's firm generally also serves as an expert for, or as a consultant or advisor to a competitor or any affiliate of a competitor of the Producing Party, said independent expert must: (1) advise the Producing Party of the competitor's or affiliate's name(s); (2) make reasonable attempts to segregate those personnel assisting in the expert's participation in this proceeding from those personnel working on behalf of a competitor of the Producing Party; and (3) if segregation of such personnel is impractical, the independent expert shall give to the Producing Party written assurances that the lack of segregation will in no way jeopardize the interests of the Producing Party. The Producing Party retains the right to challenge the adequacy of the written assurances that its interests will not be jeopardized.

b. Highly Confidential Information. Information designated as Highly Confidential shall be provided only to counsel of record. If the counsel of record desires to disclose its contents to persons other than counsel of record, she or he shall submit a written request to the Producing Party's counsel. If the requesting and producing parties are unable to reach agreement with respect to such a request, they may submit the issue orally to the presiding Administrative Law Judge for resolution.

c. No other persons may have access to Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information except as

authorized by order of the Commission or of the presiding Administrative Law Judge. No person who may be entitled to receive, or who is afforded access to any Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information shall use or disclose such information for the purposes of business or competition, or any purpose other than the preparation for and conduct of this proceeding or any administrative or judicial review thereof.

6. Prior to making Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information available to any person as provided in ordering paragraph 5, counsel for a party of record shall deliver a copy of this Order to such person and shall receive a written acknowledgment from that person in the form attached to this Order and designated as "Appendix A". Counsel shall promptly deliver to the Producing Party a copy of this executed acknowledgment form.

7. A Producing Party shall designate data or documents as constituting or containing Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information by affixing an appropriate proprietary stamp or typewritten designation on such data or documents. Where only part of data compilations or multi-page documents constitutes or contains Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information, the Producing Party, insofar as reasonably practicable within discovery and other time constraints imposed in this proceeding, shall designate only the specific data or pages of documents which constitute or contain Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information.

8. Any federal agency which has access to and/or receives copies of the Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information will consider and treat the Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information as within the exemption from disclosure provided in the Freedom of Information Act as set forth at 5 U.S.C.A. §552(b)(4) until such time as the information is found to be non-proprietary.

9. Any state agency which has access to and/or receives copies of the Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information will consider and treat the Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information as within the exemptions from

disclosure provided in the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Act as set forth at 65 P.S. §66.1(2) until such time as the information is found to be non-proprietary.

10. Any public reference to Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information by the Commission or by counsel or persons afforded access thereto shall be to the title or exhibit reference in sufficient detail to permit persons with access to the Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information to fully understand the reference and not more. The Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information shall remain a part of the record, to the extent admitted, for all purposes of administrative or judicial review.

11. Part of any record of this proceeding containing Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information, including but not limited to all exhibits, writings, testimony, cross examination, argument, and responses to discovery, and including reference thereto as mentioned in ordering paragraph 10 above, shall be sealed for all purposes, including administrative and judicial review, unless such Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information is released from the restrictions of this Order, either through the agreement of the parties or pursuant to an Order of an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. Unresolved challenges arising under Paragraph 12 shall be decided on motion or petition by the presiding officer and/or the Commission as provided in 52 Pa. Code §5.423(a). All such challenges will be resolved in conformity with existing rules, regulations, orders, statutes, precedent, etc., to the extent such guidance is available.

12. The parties affected by the terms of this Order shall retain the right to question or challenge the confidential or proprietary nature of Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information; to question or challenge the admissibility of Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information on any proper ground, including but not limited to irrelevance, immateriality or undue burden; to seek an order permitting disclosure of Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information beyond that allowed in this Order; and to seek additional measures of protection of Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information beyond those provided in this Order. If a challenge is made to the designation of a document or

information as Proprietary or Highly Confidential, the party claiming that the information is Proprietary or Highly Confidential retains the burden of demonstrating that the designation is necessary and appropriate.

13. Upon completion of this proceeding, including any administrative or judicial review, all copies of all documents and other materials, including notes, which contain any Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information shall be immediately returned upon request to the party furnishing such Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information. In the alternative, parties may provide an affidavit of counsel affirming that the materials containing or reflecting Proprietary Information or Highly Confidential Information have been destroyed. This provision shall not apply to the Commission, its Staff, the Office of Trial Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, or the Office of Small Business Advocate.

Date:

Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A
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The undersigned is the expert officer, member, employee or counsel
of _____ (the retaining party).

The undersigned has read and understands the Protective Order issued in the above captioned proceeding, which Order deals with the treatment of Proprietary and Highly Confidential Information. The undersigned agrees to be bound by, and comply with, the terms and conditions of said Order. The undersigned agrees that any Proprietary and Highly Confidential Information shall be used or disclosed only for purposes of preparation for, and conduct of the above captioned proceeding, and any administrative or judicial review thereof, and shall not be disclosed or used for any other purposes whatsoever.

Signature

Print Name

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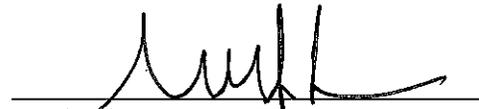
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Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 21st day of July, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Protective Order was served upon the participants listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code Section 1.54 and 1.55, via Electronic and First Class mail.

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