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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 13th  
day of May, 1998.

In the Matter of the Application of Atlas )  
Communications, Ltd. for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Resold Basic Local Telecom- )  
munications Service in Portions of the State of ) Case No. TA-98-330  
Missouri and for Classification of Said Services )  
as Competitive. )  
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING FILING DATE FOR STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT  
OR PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This case concerns an application for a certificate of service authority to provide resold basic local telecommunications services filed by Atlas Communications, Ltd. (Atlas). The Commission directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule or date for filing of a stipulation and agreement no later than April 29, 1998. On April 29, Atlas filed a Motion to Establish Filing Date for Stipulation and Agreement stating that Atlas and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were ready to sign and submit a stipulation but that the Staff of the Commission (Staff) has indicated that it needs 30 days to complete its review.<sup>1</sup> Atlas questions the Staff's need for an additional 30 days to review the stipulation in this case, which is in a standard form that has been approved by the Commission in numerous cases. Atlas asked that the parties be directed to file a joint stipulation and agreement no later than May 13.

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<sup>1</sup> The Office of the Public Counsel has refused to take part in recent stipulations regarding basic local service certificates.

Commission rules permit the parties ten days from the date of filing to respond to any motion or other pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. 4 CSR 240-2.080(12). The ten days for filing a response (excluding weekends and state holidays) ended on May 11. Staff filed no response and, therefore, the Commission must conclude that Staff has no objections to the granting of Atlas's motion.

The Commission has considered the motion and finds that the request is reasonable. However, since responses were due on May 11, a May 13 filing date does not permit time for the Commission to issue an order and distribute it to the parties. Therefore, the Commission will order the parties to file a stipulation and agreement or a proposed procedural schedule in lieu thereof no later than May 20, 1998.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion to Establish Filing Date for Stipulation and Agreement filed on April 29, 1998 by Atlas Communications, Ltd. is granted with the exception that the date for filing shall be May 20 rather than May 13.

2. That the parties shall file a stipulation and agreement or proposed procedural schedule in this matter no later than May 20, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on May 13, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Drainer  
and Murray, CC., concur.  
Schemenauer, C., absent.

Wickliffe, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge