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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Fast)
Connections, Inc. for Certificates of Service)
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica-)
tions Service and Local Exchange Telecommunica-) Case No. TA-97-196
tions Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri and to Classify Said Services and the)
Company as Competitive.)
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ORDER CONTINUING HEARING

The Commission issued an order on September 19, 1997, setting a hearing date of October 9 at 2:00 p.m. on whether or not to approve the tariff filed by Fast Connections, Inc. (Fast Connections). The Commission permitted the parties to file an order of witness presentation no later than September 23. The effective date of the tariff at issue in this case is December 5.

On September 23, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a letter with the Commission identifying the witness that OPC intends to make available for Commission questions at the hearing.

On September 24, Fast Connections filed a motion for continuance of the hearing date, stating that it will not be able to have a witness available in Jefferson City, Missouri, on October 9. As of October 1, 1997, no other party had objected to Fast Connection's motion for continuance.

The Commission finds that Fast Connections' motion for continuance is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission further finds that the hearing date should be set for October 20, and that the parties should be given until October 14 to name any additional witnesses they may present

at the October 20 hearing by filing an order of presentation. The Commission shall treat the witness identified by OPC for the October 9 hearing as being identified for the October 20 hearing, as well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission will conduct a hearing on Monday, October 20, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 520B, Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That the parties may file an order of witness presentation no later than October 14, 1997.

3. That any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act who wishes to attend the hearing should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline — 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline — 1-800-829-7541.

4. That this order shall become effective on October 3, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Amy E. Randles, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of October, 1997.