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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Max-Tel )  
Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Basic Local Telecommunica- ) **Case No. TA-97-342**  
tions Service in Portions of the State of Missouri )  
and to Classify Said Services and the Company as )  
Competitive. )  
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**ORDER SETTING HEARING**

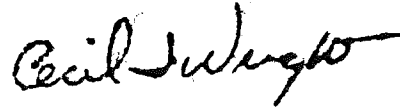
An early prehearing conference was held on September 16, 1997 in this case. The Commission has determined that a hearing is needed to enable the Commission to decide whether to approve the tariff filed by the applicant on July 25, 1997. The parties should come prepared to address, by sworn testimony, Commission questions on the issue of whether the tariff submitted by applicant complies with the Revised Statutes of Missouri and the Commission's regulations.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission will conduct a hearing on Thursday, October 9, 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 present an order of witness presentation no later than September 23, 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 September 19, 1997.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

( S E A L )

Amy E. Randles, Administrative 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 19th day of September, 1997.