

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 Inter-) **Case No. TA-2002-448**
exchange Telecommunications Services and to Classify)
Such Services and the Company as Competitive.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

This order directs Max-Tel Communications, Inc., to file a status report with the Commission.

On April 17, 2002, Max-Tel applied for a certificate of service authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services. Max-Tel had previously been granted a certificate to provide basic local telecommunications services. As part of its application, Max-Tel stated that it had no assessment fees overdue. In its application, Max-Tel included a tariff with a proposed effective date of May 5, 2002.

On April 17, 2002 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a recommendation. Staff recommended that the Commission granted Max-Tel a certificate; however, Staff noted that Max-Tel was not current on each of the assessments due for its basic local service. Staff reported that after discussions with counsel for Max-Tel, it believed the overdue assessments would be resolved within one week. Staff had no objections to the tariff as submitted.

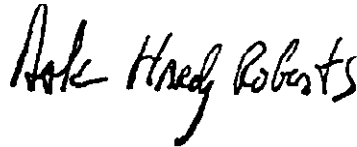
Because the issue of Max-Tel's assessments has been raised, the Commission will direct the applicant to file a report stating whether the issue has been resolved. The

report should be filed as soon as practicable so that the Commission has an opportunity to determine if the tariff should be suspended pending the resolution of the issue.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That no later than April 29, 2002, Max-Tel Communications, Inc. shall file a report stating whether the company has any assessments due to the Commission.
2. That this order shall become effective on April 29, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of April, 2002.