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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Sterling )  
International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex for a )  
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Basic ) Case No. TA-97-451  
Local Telecommunications Service in Portions of )  
the State of Missouri and to Classify Said )  
Services and the Company as Competitive. )  
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**ORDER ESTABLISHING STIPULATION DEADLINE**

Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex has pending before the Commission an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications services. The Commission issued an order on May 23, 1997, directing the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 9 setting out dates for the filing of testimony or of a Stipulation and Agreement.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion on June 9 stating that the parties anticipate filing a stipulation in the case and asking the Commission to establish a deadline for that filing of June 30.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to establish a deadline for the filing of a stipulation and the motion should be granted.

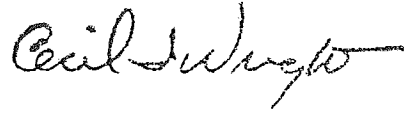
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motion to Establish Stipulation Deadline filed by the Commission Staff on June 9, 1997, is granted.

2. That the parties shall file a Stipulation and Agreement resolving the issues in this case no later than June 30, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright".

**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

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L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief  
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 16th day of June, 1997.