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

In the Matter of the Application of Metro )  
Connection, Inc. d/b/a TransAmerican Telephone )  
for a Certificate of Service Authority to Provide ) Case No. TA-97-556  
Basic Local Telecommunications Service in Portions )  
of the State of Missouri and to Classify Said )  
Services as Competitive. )  
)

**ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Metro Connection, Inc. d/b/a TransAmerican Telephone ("Metro Connection") filed an application on June 23, 1997, requesting a certificate of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and requesting competitive classification. The Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule on September 26. Metro Connection filed an amended application and a motion to suspend the Commission's procedural schedule on October 16. Metro Connection stated in support of its motion that its application has been amended to remove requests for certain waivers, that it anticipates that the parties will ultimately enter into a Stipulation and Agreement as a result of such removal, and that none of the parties is opposed to its motion to suspend the procedural schedule. Metro Connection did not request any specific period of time for suspension. No party filed a response to Metro Connection's motion.

The Commission finds that it is in the public interest to suspend its previously adopted procedural schedule for a period of approximately 60 days in order to give the parties an opportunity to negotiate a settlement. The Commission finds that the conditions established in its order of September 26 shall continue to apply.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission on September 26 is temporarily suspended, and the procedural deadlines are extended to the following dates:

Direct testimony to be filed by Metro Connection	-	December 19, 1997 3:00 p.m.
Rebuttal testimony to be filed by Staff, OPC and intervenor	-	January 19, 1998 3:00 p.m.
Surrebuttal and cross-surrebuttal testimony to be filed by all parties	-	February 13, 1998 3:00 p.m.
Prehearing conference	-	March 9, 1998 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Memorandum	-	March 23, 1998
Evidentiary hearing	-	April 6, 1998 10:00 a.m.

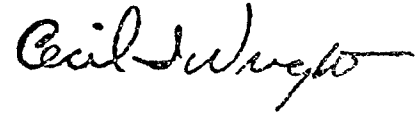
2. That the procedural schedule shall remain subject to the conditions discussed in the Commission's September 26 order.

3. That the prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference or hearing at: Consumer Services Hotline — 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline — 1-800-829-7541.

4. That the parties shall file a Stipulation and Agreement, or a pleading informing the Commission of the status of their negotiations, by no later than December 12, 1997.

5. That this order shall become effective on October 29, 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**

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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 29th day of October, 1997.