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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, )  
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 Complainant, )  
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 v. ) Case No. TC-98-119  
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 Local Fone Service, Inc., )  
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 Respondent. )  
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**ORDER SETTING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a complaint against Local Fone Service, Inc. (Local Fone) on September 15, 1997, stating that Local Fone had been providing basic local telecommunications services without an approved tariff. Staff asked the Commission to find that Local Fone had acted in violation of the Commission's order in Case No. TA-97-411 and of Section 392.410.1, RSMo Supp. 1996, and to impose penalties.

Local Fone filed its Answer on October 20, stating that it had not intentionally acted to violate the Commission's order or the statute, that it had voluntarily discontinued service, and that penalties would be inappropriate. Local Fone also asserted numerous defenses to Staff's complaint.

The Commission has reviewed the complaint and response and finds that a hearing is necessary to resolve the factual issues in this matter. The Commission will schedule an early prehearing conference and direct the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the parties shall meet in an early prehearing conference on Tuesday, December 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That anyone wishing to attend the prehearing conference 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 conference at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline — 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline — 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 5, 1998.

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

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

(S E A L)

L. Anne Wickliffe, Deputy Chief  
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 December, 1997.