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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
the City of Springfield, Missouri, )  
through the Board of Public Utilities )  
for a Certificate of Service )  
Authority to Provide Non-switched )  
Local Exchange and Intrastate )  
Interexchange Telecommunications )  
Services to the Public within the )  
the State of Missouri and for )  
Competitive Classification. )

CASE NO. TA-97-313

**ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

The Commission issued an order adopting procedural schedule on April 15, 1997. Pursuant to the procedural schedule, the parties have filed direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion to suspend procedural schedule on May 29. Staff stated that the parties are involved in discussions which may lead to the resolution of all issued in this docket; however, the discussions are not finalized. Accordingly, Staff requests that the procedural schedule be suspended until June 11 when Staff will file either a joint stipulation and agreement or a hearing memorandum to set forth unsettled issues. The current procedural schedule provides for the hearing memorandum to be filed on May 30 and for the hearing to be held on June 9 and 10.

The Commission has reviewed the motion filed by Staff. The Commission finds that the motion to suspend procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the procedural schedule shall be suspended until Staff shall file either a joint stipulation and

agreement or a hearing memorandum on June 11. The hearing set for June 9 and 10 is canceled.

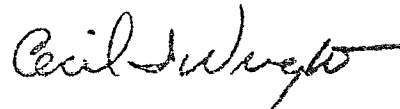
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the motion to suspend procedural schedule filed by Staff on May 29 is granted.

2. That the Staff shall file either a joint stipulation and agreement or a hearing memorandum no later than June 11, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 6, 1996.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Gregory T. George, 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 6th day of June, 1997.