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Case No. TO-98-434

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.080, "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year." On April 9, 1998, Z-Tel, Inc. (Z-Tel) filed a request with the Commission for an extension of time until May 29 to file its 1997 annual report. Z-Tel stated in its request that it will not receive the results of its annual audit until approximately May 25, 1998.

On April 22, the Staff of the Commission filed a memorandum recommending that the request be approved. Staff also stated that Z-Tel received its certificate on September 5, 1997.

The Commission stresses that Z-Tel should strive in the future to meet required filing deadlines, however, the Commission determines that the request for extension should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Z-Tel, Inc. shall have until May 29, 1998, in which to file its 1997 annual report with the Commission.

2. That this order shall become effective on May 1, 1998.
3. That this case may be closed on May 12, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Nancy Dippell, 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 1st day of May, 1998.

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