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Fast Connections, Inc. ("Fast Connections") was granted certificates of service authority to provide basic local telecommunications service and local exchange telecommunications service in the State of Missouri on April 9, 1997. The Commission's order classified Fast Connections as a competitive company and granted waiver of specified statutes and Commission rules. Fast Connections filed an Application for Waiver and/or Variance of Certain Commission Rules on June 2, asking the Commission to grant additional waivers and filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment on June 5.

Fast Connections was granted certification on the basis of a Stipulation and Agreement in which the parties agreed to the waiver of certain statutes and Commission rules. The company now requests the following additional waivers because of its unique method of operation, i.e., selling prepaid services:

A. 4 CSR 240-33.040(3) which requires that a customer have 21 days from the rendition of a bill in which to pay it. Fast Connections states that its customers will be required to sign an agreement that will include a delinquency date that will be the same date each month. The

customers will be charged a set price so they will have advance notice of the amount of the bill.

B. 4 CSR 240-33.040(6) which requires an itemization of taxes and franchise fees on each bill. Fast Connections states that it will be charging a set monthly fee that will include applicable taxes and franchise fees and that, because the fee will be fixed, there is no comparison benefit to be derived from separately identifying tax and franchise fee amounts.

C. 4 CSR 240-33.070(4) which requires a five-day written notice of discontinuance of service. Fast Connections states that it will provide a notice of discontinuance but would like to do so when it sends the customers their billing statements. Fast Connections states that it will be serving mostly high-risk customers and this method will allow the company to avoid some of the costs and risks associated with providing service to these customers.

D. 4 CSR 240-33.070(6) which requires the company to make reasonable efforts to notify a customer of a proposed discontinuance at least 24 hours ahead of time. Fast Connections states that it will be providing service to high-risk customers under a service agreement that will clearly indicate that service will be discontinued if bills are not paid on time. The company states that if it has to incur the additional costs of giving 24-hour notice, the costs will have to be spread to other customers.

The Commission has not granted waivers of these rules in other certification cases and therefore finds that notice of this application should be sent to the same companies that receive notice of applications for interexchange service authority, so that interested parties will have

the opportunity to intervene. Applications to intervene should be submitted by July 7, 1997, to the Executive Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, and copies sent to:

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Fast Connections asked for expedited treatment to enable it to receive approval of the requested waivers in time to meet the effective date of its tariff sheets filed on May 19. However, the company withdrew its tariff filing and filed a new set of tariff sheets that do not list the waivers requested in this case. Therefore, no good cause exists for expedited treatment of this application.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Records Department of the Commission shall send notice of this application as described above.
2. That parties wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than July 9, 1997.
3. That the Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by Fast Connections on June 5, 1997, is denied.

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

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary

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Crumpton, Drainer and Murray,  
CC., concur.  
Zobrist, Chm., and Lumpe, C.,  
absent.

ALJ: Wickliffe