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ORDER SCHEDULING EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On October 27, 1997, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Status Report and Request for Early Prehearing Conference. Staff stated that evidentiary hearings are possible for the summer of 1998. Staff therefore requested that the Commission schedule an early prehearing conference for November 24, 1997.

The Commission has reviewed the Status Report and Request for Early Prehearing Conference filed by Staff. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to schedule an early prehearing conference so the parties can identify the issues in dispute and develop a proposed procedural schedule. The parties should be prepared to discuss the facts and stipulate to those facts which are not in dispute. The parties shall then file a recommended procedural schedule or stipulation and agreement no later than December 15.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference is now set in this matter for November 24, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room 520A on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any persons with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days prior to the hearing

at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

2. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 15, 1997.

3. 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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Gregory T. George, 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 29th day of October, 1997.