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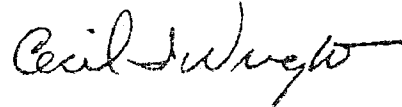
The parties to this case filed a Stipulation and Agreement on May 20, 1997, for Commission approval. The Commission scheduled a stipulation hearing for July 16 at which the parties may make presentations in favor of the stipulation and respond to Commission questions.

The Commission finds that making a witness available by telephone is not adequate and the motion shall be denied. The Commission has on occasion sworn witnesses to answer questions regarding stipulations. Even if the stipulation in this case were totally routine and uncontroversial on its face, the Commission would never commit itself before the fact to receiving unsworn testimony.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Request Regarding Stipulation Presentation Hearing filed by Local Line America, Inc. on June 9, 1997, is denied.
2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Crompton, Drainer, Murray
and Lumpe, CC., concur.
Zobrist, Chm., absent.

ALJ: Wickliffe