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1. *Chlorophyll a* (Chl a) is the primary photosynthetic pigment in most plants and algae. It is a green pigment that absorbs light energy in the blue and red regions of the visible spectrum. Chl a is essential for the light-dependent reactions of photosynthesis, where it converts light energy into chemical energy in the form of ATP and NADPH.

ORDER SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Fast Connections, Inc. (Fast Connections or company) filed an Application for Waiver and/or Variance of Certain Commission Rules on June 2, 1997. Fast Connections is requesting the Commission to grant the company rule waivers that the company did not request in connection with its application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local exchange and local exchange telecommunications services, in Case No. TA-97-196, which was conditionally granted on April 9.

On June 13, the Commission issued its Order and Notice and Denial of Motion for Expedited Treatment, giving parties wishing to intervene until July 9 to file an application to intervene. No party has filed an application to intervene. Also, the Staff has not filed a memorandum with its recommendation concerning the requested waivers.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to schedule a prehearing conference so the parties can identify the issues 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 no later than five business days following the prehearing conference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference is now set in this matter for January 20, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room 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 (10) days prior to the prehearing 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 January 27, 1998.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 21, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Amy E. Randles, 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 21st day of November, 1997.