

issued a decision regarding the tariff filed by Max-Tel Communications, Inc., another prepaid basic local services provider, in Case No. TA-97-342. In its motion, Fast Connections stated that it would like to have the opportunity to revise its tariff, if necessary, to conform to the Commission's forthcoming decision in Case No. TA-97-342, prior to any hearing on the Fast Connections tariff. Fast Connections further stated that the motion is unopposed by other parties, and that Fast Connections will extend the effective date of its tariff to January 8, 1998, in order to accomplish its objectives.

The Commission has reviewed Fast Connections' tariff filing, the case papers in this case and in Case No. TA-97-342. The Commission finds that it is inappropriate for Fast Connections to unilaterally extend its tariff effective date when the tariff has already been suspended by the Commission. In addition, the Commission takes official notice that its hearing room will not be available at an early enough date prior to the effective date of the tariff at issue to permit a second continuance. Therefore, the Commission finds that Fast Connections' motion for continuance should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Fast Connections, Inc.'s motion for continuance is denied.
2. That the Commission shall conduct a hearing on Monday, October 20, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 520B, Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, as previously ordered on October 3.

3. That this order shall become effective on October 16, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright".

**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer and Murray,
CC., concur.
Crumpton, C., absent.

Randles, Regulatory Law Judge