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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Atlas)
Communications, Ltd. for a Certificate of)
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)
Telecommunications Service, Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Service and Exchange)
Access Service in Portions of the State of)
Missouri, and to Classify Said Services as)
Competitive.)

CASE NO. TA-97-535

ORDER CLOSING CASE

On June 13, 1997, Atlas Communications, Ltd. (Atlas) filed an application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service. By letter dated June 25, Atlas was informed of certain deficiencies in its application, and was advised that no further action would be taken on the application until the defects were corrected. Subsequently, the Commission issued a notice advising Atlas that if it did not file an amended application correcting the deficiencies by September 30, its application would be dismissed for lack of prosecution pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(2).

On September 30 counsel for Atlas faxed a letter to the Commission withdrawing the application of Atlas. The original letter was subsequently filed on October 1. Since Atlas has voluntarily withdrawn its application, the Commission finds that the application has been dismissed pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(1), and this case should be closed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the application for a certificate of service authority to provide basic local and local exchange telecommunications service filed by Atlas Communications, Ltd. on June 13, 1997 has been

dismissed pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.116(1), and this case is closed effective October 20, 1997.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 17, 1997.

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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Elaine E. Bensavage, 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 7th day of October, 1997.