Notice of Ex Parte Contact

TO:

Data Center

All Parties in Case No. ER-2007-0002

FROM:

Chairman Jeff Davis

Commissioner Connie Murray

Commissioner Robert Clayton

Commissioner Lin Appling



DATE:

May 31, 2007

On May 23, 2007, we received the attached document via electronic email regarding AmerenUE. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. ER-2007-0002, which is a contested case. In contested cases, the Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020(8)), when a communication (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. The report shall identify the person(s) who participated in the *ex parte* communication, the circumstances which resulted in the communication, the substance of the communication, and the relationship of the communication to a particular matter at issue before the Commission.

Therefore, we submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc:

Commissioners

Executive Director

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

General Counsel

From: Jesse [mailto:jesse@brutonstroube.com]

Sent: Wed 5/23/2007 11:05 AM

To: Murray, Connie; Clayton, Robert; Appling, Linward (Lin); eff.davis@psc.mo.gov

Subject: Ameren

How could you sell out to Ameren and punish us consumers by awarding Ameren a huge increase in rates? Nobody, other than Ameren shareholders or those being paid off, can fathom any reasoning behind your decision. Only Commissioner Steve Gaw has shown any backbone and stood up for us consumers. Shame on you for selling out! Your actions are hurting every person that uses Ameren energy and especially hurts those of us that suffered through a week without electricity during the excruciating heat of summer.

Are you really naive enough to think that giving Ameren a \$43 million raise shows them any punishment for their extreme negligence and horrendous customer service? All we heard about for the past 6 months was how you were going to cut rates by over \$100 million, but instead you reward them. Appalling and disgusting!

So you wouldn't do what is right. Shameful!