

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Laclede Gas Company,)
Missouri Gas Energy's Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Tariff Filing)

File No. GR-2014-0324

NOTICE OF EX PARTE CONTACT

Issue Date: March 13, 2017


On March 13, 2017, Richard Brownlee contacted me. During the telephone call, Mr. Brownlee identified himself as an attorney representing the Missouri School Boards' Association. Since the conversation can be considered an ex parte communication under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020, notice and a description of the contact is hereby given.

During the conversation, Mr. Brownlee stated that he represents the Missouri School Boards' Association, which only recently became aware of the details of a partial stipulation and agreement submitted by the Commission's Staff and Laclede Gas Company for Commission-approval. Mr. Brownlee stated that he did not know what the status was for Commission action on the agreement, however, the Missouri School Boards' Association was concerned that the agreement would have a financial impact on the schools that participated in the School Transportation Program.

Mr. Brownlee stated that he didn't know if the acceptable procedure in this situation would be to submit an application to intervene or an application to intervene and objection to the partial stipulation and agreement. He also stated that he attempted to contact counsel for Staff and Laclede Gas Company earlier in the day. I informed Mr. Brownlee that I could not give him legal advice as to what type of action he should

pursue, but that no final Commission action on the agreement had occurred. I also informed Mr. Brownlee that I was unsure as to whether the School Transportation Program issue was isolated to this file. Mr. Brownlee provided his contact information and the conversation ended.

This notice is given pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(3).



Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of March, 2017.