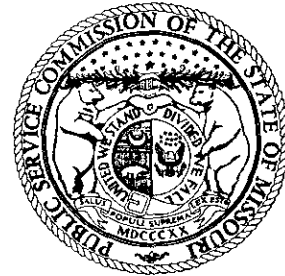


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center:
All Parties in Case No. **GT-2005-0069**
All Commissioners

FROM: Commissioner Robert Clayton

DATE: September 30, 2004



On September 29, 2004, I received the attached document from Tim Williams regarding AmerenUE. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. **GT-2005-0069**. **GT-2005-0069** is a contested case. 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), 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, I 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

CROWN **LINEN SERVICE**

September 23, 2004

Mr. Steve Gaw
Chairman
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-3234

Dear Chairman,

During your long career as a State Representative, you worked to help bring jobs to Missouri as well as retain and expand the jobs opportunities for all Missourians. As a small employer, I am asking you today to please consider the effect Ameren's tariff filed on August 30, 2004, concerning the Schedule No. 2, Schedule of Rates for Gas Service. This request will have a very negative impact for years into the future on Missouri's ability to compete for job development, relocation and expansion.

The current proposed tariff will be one of the most punitive tariffs dealing with natural gas delivery in the country.

To my knowledge, Ameren has never notified any of the large transport users of this filing or the impact it will have on those affected. The very short time frame in which they are asking it to be implemented is making a response to you, the commission difficult on businesses and employers. The cost, effect, requirements have never been offered by anyone associated with Ameren.

I am asking that this tariff be delayed until April 2005 in order to allow small and large employers alike time to respond to the Missouri Public Service Commission our view and the impact on our businesses located within the State of Missouri.

I have been unable to find any justification for implementing this tariff at this time. For my limited understanding (because of such a short time period given us) the tariff is far more costly to employers that transport gas on the Ameren distribution system than any other system near Missouri. Several of the major concerns are;

1. Ameren is not allowing any tolerance in the daily nominated amount. A plus or minus 20% would aid users in a reduction of "cash out charges". I understand Ameren offers a tolerance in some of their service areas. As the current filing stands, it can be best described as we the customers and employers will be required by Ameren to "sell low and buy high" on a daily basis.

2. If we could balance on a monthly basis versus a daily basis. The ability for us to forecast if we will need to operate our facility on a weekend or even an hour longer on a daily basis is very difficult.

In summary, my brother and I own a 113-year-old family run small business in Mexico. Our cost of energy is a significant part of our operating cost. This "cash out fee" will be an additional cost we had no idea we would encounter just a week ago. Please delay this tariff and allow us the time to work together to keep Missouri a good place to operate a business.

Sincerely,



Tim Williams
Crown Linen Service, Inc

cc. Connie Murray, Commissioner
Robert Clayton, Commissioner
Lin Appling, Commissioner
Jeff Davis, Commissioner
Robert Quinn, Executive Director
Toni, Legislative Coordinator
Kevin Kelly, Public Information Administrator