

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY  
October 6, 1999**

**CASE NO: TO-2000-161**

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**Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE of EX PARTE in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,



**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

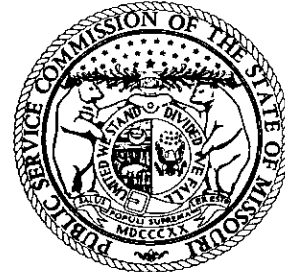
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## Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: All Commissioners  
All Parties in Case No. T0-2000-161

FROM: Regulatory Law Judge Thornburg

DATE: October 6, 1999



On October 5 and 6, 1999, I had telephone conversations with **Patricia D. Perkins** concerning the filing of documentation to verify a change of name proposed to be recognized in this case. Confusion arose concerning the desired change of name and the conversations resulted in the discussion of substantive matters that could go to the merits of the case. In particular, an issue arose as to whether the correct name was reflected on amended tariff sheets filed in this matter. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Whenever such contact might occur 4 CSR 240-4.020(8) states: as *ex parte* communications (either oral or written) may occur inadvertently, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall immediately prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to the Chair and each member of the Commission. 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, out of an abundance of caution, I think it appropriate to submit this notice of *ex parte* contact pursuant to the standards set out in the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of the information discussed and a full and fair opportunity to respond.

cc: Executive Director  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
General Counsel

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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and  
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson  
City,**

**Missouri, this 06th day of October, 1999.**



*Dale Hardy Roberts*

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**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**