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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TO-2000-374

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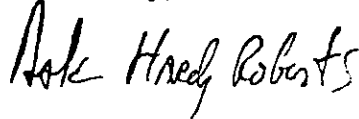
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Enclosed find certified copy of NOTICE of *EX PARTE* in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the word "Sincerely,".

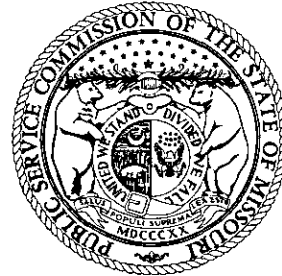
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department: All Parties in Case No. **TO-2000-374**
All Commissioners

FROM: Chair Sheila Lumpe *SL*

DATE: April 7, 2000



On April 7, 2000, I received the attached letter from **Larry R. Stobbs, Mayor, City of St. Joseph**. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in this document in Case No. TO-2000-374. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020(4) it is improper for any person to attempt to sway the judgement of the Commission by undertaking, directly or indirectly, outside the hearing process, to bring pressure or influence to bear upon the Commission, or the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to the proceeding.

Whenever such contact might occur 4 CSR 240-4.020(a) 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 attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

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



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April 5, 2000

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RE: Case Number TO-2000-374

Dear Ms. Lumpe:

The City of St. Joseph is aware that North American Numbering Plan Administrator NewStar, Inc. (NANPA) has filed a petition with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting the Commission approve "overlay" plans to alleviate exhaustion of available telephone prefixes in the 816 area code in Western Missouri.

The City has neither applied to intervene nor applied to participate in the case; however, we request the Public Service Commission to conduct a public hearing on the matter in St. Joseph. We have learned that the PSC will hold hearings during the period of April 24 – May 10, 2000.

Please notify my office as to when you anticipate holding a hearing in St. Joseph. I can be reached at 816-271-4640.

Sincerely,

Larry R. Stobbs
Mayor

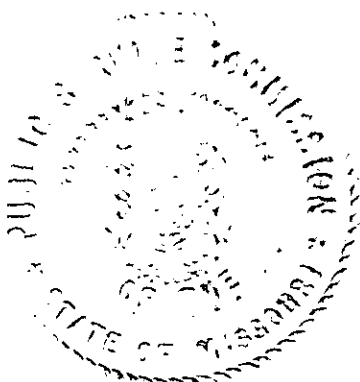
cc: Honorable Members of the City Council
The Honorable Tom Mann, Presiding Commissioner
Stet Schanze, City Manager
Patt Lilly, Chamber of Commerce

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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 07th day of April 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge