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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: GR-2001-382

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


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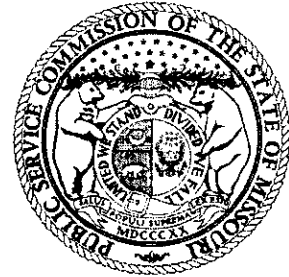
**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department:
All Parties in Case No. **GR-2001-382**
All Commissioners

FROM: Chair Sheila Lumpe 

DATE: February 1, 2001



On January 28, 2001, I received a letter from Tim Maupin, 6509 Summit, Kansas City, MO 64113. Commissioners Drainer & Murray were also addressed in the letter. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in this document in Case Number **GR-2001-382**. 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
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6509 Summit
Kansas City, MO 64113
January 26, 2001

Commissioners Drainer, Lumpe and Murray
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison
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Dear Commissioners Drainer, Lumpe, and Murray:

California has just learned that not having long-term contracts has about bankrupted the utilities. Southwest Airlines recently bragged about saving money by hedging fuel contracts.

But, MGE officials are on TV claiming that the natural gas market is so confusing that they can't figure it out. So they just buy on the daily spot market. This is apparently too difficult for them.

And you in your wisdom have compounded the idiocy and ineptness by giving them a 44% increase!


What is their compulsion or incentive to try and save money on gas purchases to benefit the consumer? Is the sky the limit for MGE? Their rates are 11 to 40+% higher than three other utilities in our area!

What restrictions or orders have you placed on them to do a better job?

Staff [If you cannot answer these questions directly, do not waste my time or that of a secretary in sending me some PR pap about how hard you worked and agonized over this ridiculously oppressive decision. Just like the federal judge who spent over a billion, ineffective dollars trying to salvage the Kansas City School System, I note that none of you live in Kansas City. Maybe if you did, you would have agreed with Mr. Simmons.

Your action was a major breach of the public trust.

Sincerely,



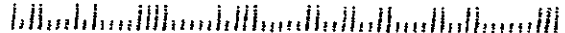
Tim Maupin

CC: Governor Robert Holden
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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 1st day of February 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

