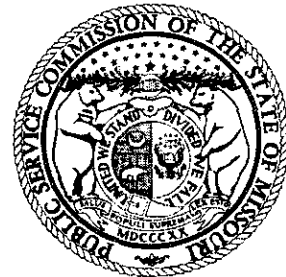


## Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department:  
All Parties in Case No. **EO-2002-351**  
All Commissioners

FROM: Chairman Kelvin Simmons *KLS*  
Commissioner Connie Murray *cm*  
Commissioner Sheila Lumpe *SL*  
Commissioner Steve Gaw *TJG*  
Commissioner Bryan Forbis *BF*



DATE: January 30, 2003

On July 1, 2002, we received the attached document from Ellen Ellis. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. **EO-2002-351**. **EO-2002-351** 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 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, we 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: Executive Director  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
General Counsel

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Dear Connie Murray.

Connie Murray

I am concerned with so many issues; I don't know where to start. I realize you are in a position to radically change the lives of many families concerned with the case number 2002-351 pertaining to the Ameren UC 345,000-volt transmission line. The fact that most of the easements have been signed clearly represent a advantage for Ameren UE; however, I beg you to look beyond what is legal and look deeper into the moral and ethical issues of this case.

Why are the Cooperative and Ameren protected to the utmost degree and the landowner is literally stripped of any and all rights? Shouldn't the PSC and the State of Missouri protect the citizens of the state of Missouri?

1. Mr. Raybuck, an attorney for Ameren UE told me that the easement agreements were agreed upon in "good faith." He mentioned "in good faith" several times during our brief conversation. If in fact Ameren and the Cooperative demonstrated "in good faith" why are all the parties fighting this transmission line at this time. If Ameren and the Cooperative made every attempt to stay within their perimeters would this situation be so grave at this time? I will define in good faith-a presence or existence of having the right qualities; admirable; kind; friendly; honorable; worthy and a belief without a doubt; loyalty; keeping one's promise. HAVE the utility companies literally demonstrated GOOD FAITH? I know they haven't. Just listen again to the 3 hours of testimony at the Lynn, Missouri hearing!
2. Is it morally or ethically correct that Ameren and the Cooperative seek out property owners that have no means with which to fight. They meaning the property owners either sign the easement agreement or they or forced into the agreement? How can building a 345,000-volt transmission line be in our best interest? Isn't this coercion?
3. When arrested a person's rights have to be completely understood. Can Ameren or the Cooperative state with absolute certainty that the said rights or lack of rights of the property owner were disclosed and completely understood at the time of signing. In fact, they were not explained at all. Were the interested parties given the easements in advance to verify the harsh and exactness of the easement agreement. In fact, they were not given a grace period or any time what so ever to have them looked over by their attorney. Not to diminish the intelligence of the said parties, but an individual has to read the easement agreement 20 times to understand with clarity the limited rights of the landowner. Is this "in good faith."? Is this really legal that one signs a document such as this without a complete understanding of what is expected of them?
3. Ameren's public service promotes their cooperation with man and nature, yet I understand the State of Missouri and Ameren are currently involved in a law suite. Is that cooperation on the part of Ameren?
4. Why do we have to TRUST that everything in the future will be handled properly when in the present it has not been handled properly?



5. IF YOU ASKED ANY OF THE SAID PARTIES WHETHER THEY WOULD SIGN THE EASEMENT AGREEMENT TODAY BASED UPON THEIR PRESENT KNOWLEDGE, WOULD THEY? That is an absolute NO. Doesn't that speak for it ?
  6. Would you knowing what you know about the negligence in the past sign the easement that would destroy your property and it's value?
  7. How can the state of Missouri and the PSC allow utility companies to destroy our land, the state of Missouri really want to do business with a company who's integrity is questionable at the present time?
  8. If the PSC is really for the people, shut this project down until Ameren can prove with 100% certainty that destroying nature, our streams, ponds, field, soil, trees, rivers and lives of the people in mid-Missouri is the answer.
  9. If I am not mistaken at the hearing earlier in the spring in Lynn, Missouri, an Ameren representative told us that they spray along the lines to keep the area Manageable. Do they not know that the chemical seep into our waters sources?
  10. Imagine yourself sitting down to dinner with your family and being interrupted by a very loud humming, every evening for the rest of your life!
  11. Why aren't the electric companies researching alternatives? Mr. Raybuck told me " it's too costly and they (Ameren) assume that the public would not be willing to pay for the expense" Is it the citizens of Missouri that they are so concerned with or their stockholders? Where do they live?
  12. Ameren's a for profit company. If they were a not for profit company things would look a lot different. The 345,000-volt transmission line will be built for profit and lots of it. The families were pretty much coerced into signing a document that they didn't want to and they will take a financial loss because of it. I am sick of hearing about the fact that lesser families were impacted because of this line. I am one of the lesser families. I do not want to suffer for the sake of their profit!
  13. Our farm would burn to the ground if a 345,000-volt wire fell. Dixon Missouri's fire department is not prepared in any way shape or form to handle an emergency of this magnitude.
  14. I think it's funny that there are studies that prove that one should not even sit in front of a computer day in and day out because of the exposure; yet, there is still no actual proof that people are harmed because of the electrical field. That's ironic!
- Haven't we learned anything from the past? Don't integrity issues mean anything to anyone anymore? What about safety issues? Lead paint and millions of toxins that take 10 or twenty years to realize the consequences of the contamination. I beg you to stop this transmission line. I beg you to look beyond the legal issues and ponder the integrity of Ameren UE.

Respectfully

*Ellen Ellis*  
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