

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 29, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2001-382

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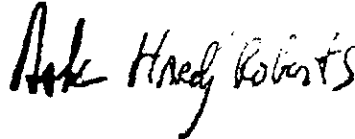
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Enclosed find certified copy of a NOTICE of EX PARTE CONTACT in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



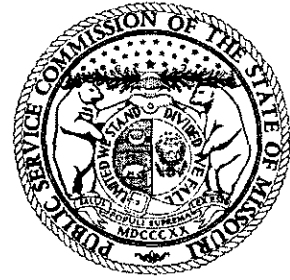
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

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

FROM: Vice Chair M. Dianne Drainer 

DATE: January 29, 2001



On January 29, 2001, I received a letter from James Barton, of St. Joseph, Missouri. 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
General Counsel

Saturday, January 27, 2001

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M. Dianne Drainer

Your vote to allow the Gas Increase shows that you no longer are in touch with the real world and should resign from your position.

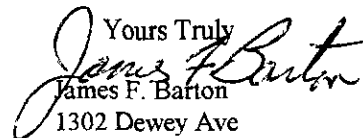
You have increased the water bills in St. Joseph, MO 100%

You have increased the gas bills in St. Joseph, MO 100%

The merger of St. Joseph Light and Power to Unilcorp you will increase our electricity 100%

before you have to vote please resign.

This is a retirement community with workers making minimum wages and retiring just above that level.

Yours Truly

James F. Barton
1302 Dewey Ave
St. Joseph, Mo

CC. 20/20 John Stociel

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 29th day of Jan. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

