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Notice of Communication

TO: Data Center
All Parties in Case No. ER-2008-0318

FROM: Chairman Robert M. Clayton III

RE: Storm Outages in Southeast Missouri

DATE: February 5, 2009

The Chairman wishes to provide notice to all parties in interest that a number of external and internal communications have occurred among a number of parties involving the ice storm outages in Southeast Missouri. As most are aware, devastating ice storms, which began on January 26, struck in the southeastern part of Missouri downing power and transmission lines, destroying substations and completely disrupting power service in the service territories of AmerenUE, municipal utilities and a number of rural electric cooperatives. In some cases, customers in a number of counties have suffered without power for many days. Commission staff has been involved in a coordinated effort led by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), to find efficient solutions to these difficult problems. The Commission has been updated regarding the recovery effort through communications from Commission staff, through SEMA Situation Reports as well as updates directly from AmerenUE staff.

While the storm effect and recovery details are not a part of this rate case, which is nearly final, the public and the parties should be made aware of these communications from staff, AmerenUE and SEMA. Therefore, this Commissioner has directed that a link be established on the Commission's home page with direct references and links to each of these communications. Any member of the public may view these communications whether regarding the rate case or whether if interested in the storm recovery effort. It is this Commissioner's hope that this link will be more helpful to the parties and the public than daily filings by each Commissioner in the record of this case. Of course, any party may request additional disclosure if it feels the links set out below are insufficient.

Parties should visit the Commission website at www.psc.mo.gov and click on the icon entitled "Storm Outage Information Southeast Region." The parties then have a choice at reviewing the individual communications of the parties, most of which have been received or reviewed by each of the Commissioners. This is the first occasion of such disclosure of information to the public and to parties in a given case. It is this Commissioner's further hope that the public and parties let the Commission know of the value or limits of this procedure as the Commission searches for the best methods of sharing information.