
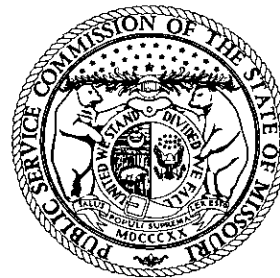


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department: All Parties in Case No. WR-2000-281
All Commissioners

FROM: Chair Sheila Lumpe 

DATE: April 17, 2000



On April 14, 2000, I received the attached letter from Senator Bill Kenney. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in this document in Case No. WR-2000-281. 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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Missouri Public Service Commission
Chairman Sheila Lumpe
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In Re: Water Rate Increase

Dear Commissioner Lumpe:

It has been brought to my attention that Missouri American Water Company of Warrensburg, Missouri, has requested a significant "single tariff pricing" water rate increase.

As I understand it, this increase is to fund water treatment capital improvements in several communities in which MAWC does business. This increase seems unfair in that it requires communities not benefiting from capital improvements to share in the cost.

I would like to respectfully request that you give serious consideration to the inequitableness of this situation and to re-evaluate your prospective approval of this request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I await your earliest response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Kenney".

Senator Bill Kenney

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