

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
December 14, 2001**

CASE NO: EO-2002-178

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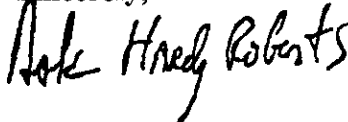
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Enclosed find certified copy of an NOTICE OF Ex Parte in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

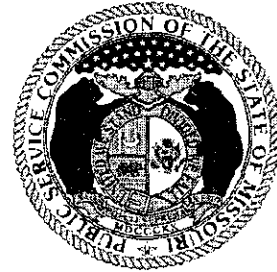
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Notice of *Ex Parte* Contacts

TO: Commission Data Center:
All Parties in Case No. EO-2002-178
All Commissioners

FROM: Nancy Dippell
Senior Regulatory Law Judge

DATE: December 14, 2001



The Commission has received the attached letters from concerned citizens regarding the issue of the tax impact of the proposed transfer of assets from Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE to Gascoage Electric Cooperative. The Commission placed these letters in a correspondence file and they are made a part of the Commission's official records. This notice is being issued pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020(4) and to ensure that the parties 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

Attachments

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ACCREDITED WITH DISTINCTION

November 30, 2001

Mr. Jim Ketter
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor's Office Building, PO Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Dear Mr. Ketter:

EO-2002-178

**OPERATIONS
DIVISION**

I would like to express my concern over the loss of revenue that the Eldon R-I School District will experience if AmerenUE transfers proposed service area to Gascoage Electric Cooperative. AmerenUE has informed me that our school district would receive \$87,807 less in revenue if this proposal is allowed.

I understand that a portion of this money would be recouped the year following the loss because of a decrease in formula deductions. We would not recoup 100% of the loss of revenue because the debt service fund would not be included in the formula deduction. Another consideration is the fact that the state formula will probably not be fully funded. I believe the only way the loss of revenue can be recouped for the first year of this proposal would be by board action to increase levy.

As you are aware, public school districts are facing the possibility of reductions in state funding. I would request that you consider the financial impact of this proposed agreement on the Eldon R-I School District.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Haley
Rodney L. Haley
Superintendent of Schools

cc: AmerenUE
Gascoage

November 26, 2001

Mr. Jim Ketter
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building, P. O. Box 360
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UTILITY OPERATIONS
DIVISION

Dear Mr. Ketter:

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As superintendents of Miller County schools, we feel compelled to write and express our concern over the loss of revenue if Ameren UE is allowed to transfer land to Gascosage Electric Cooperative. The following is a list of school districts in Miller County and the loss of taxes if the transfer is approved:

Eldon R-I	\$87,807
Miller Co. R-III, Tuscumbia	12,544
St. Elizabeth R-IV	10,400
School of the Osage R-II	54,857
Iberia R-V	33,450

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All schools except School of the Osage will recoup some of this money the following school year. School of the Osage will not recoup the money from the State because of their hold harmless status. All other schools will not recoup debt service money and if the state foundation formula is not fully funded, they will not recoup 100% of the operating levy.

In serving in our role as superintendent, one of our main duties is to secure adequate finances to support our mission to provide a quality education for our students. We would be remiss in our duty if we did not voice concern over the loss of funding.

We respectfully submit this letter for your consideration.

Rodney L. Haley

Rod Haley, Superintendent
Eldon R-I Schools

Roy Kramme

Roy Kramme, Superintendent
Iberia R-V Schools

Burnell Crain

Burnell Crain, Superintendent
Miller Co. R-III Schools, Tuscumbia

Stan Johnson

Stan Johnson, Superintendent
School of the Osage

Sid Doerhoff

Sid Doerhoff, Superintendent
St. Elizabeth R-IV Schools

Cc: AmerenUE
Gascosage Electric Cooperative
Office of Public Counsel

Lettn file

295 Bear Creek Road
Brumley, MO 65017
November 20, 2001

Mr. Jim Ketter
Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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UTILITY OPERATIONS
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Dear Sir:

I am writing you concerning the proposed boundary change of AmerenUE and Gasco Sage Electric Cooperative joint application case No.E0-2002-178.

The Big Bear Creek area has always been the dividing line between the Iberia-Crocker area and the Lake. The telephone numbers meet there. I do not know exactly where the dividing line has been drawn, but I have two farms that are affected in Sec. 1 & 2 39-15.

My greatest concern is our Kaiser Special Road District. We have fought hard for better roads than the county can provide. This road is heavily used by workers going to work at the Lake. This proposed change will affect several miles in our district. When it goes to Gasco Sage; the taxes go. We hardly have enough money as is. I am enclosing a map which outlines our District and I feel that Sec. 1 & 2 39-15 should be included as well as Sec. 11 & 12 in the proposed change.

It was stated in your letter that I have the right to express my concern. I have no qualms about it if I will have good service under the new plan. My concern is the future of our Road District. For three generations my family have fought long and hard for a good road.

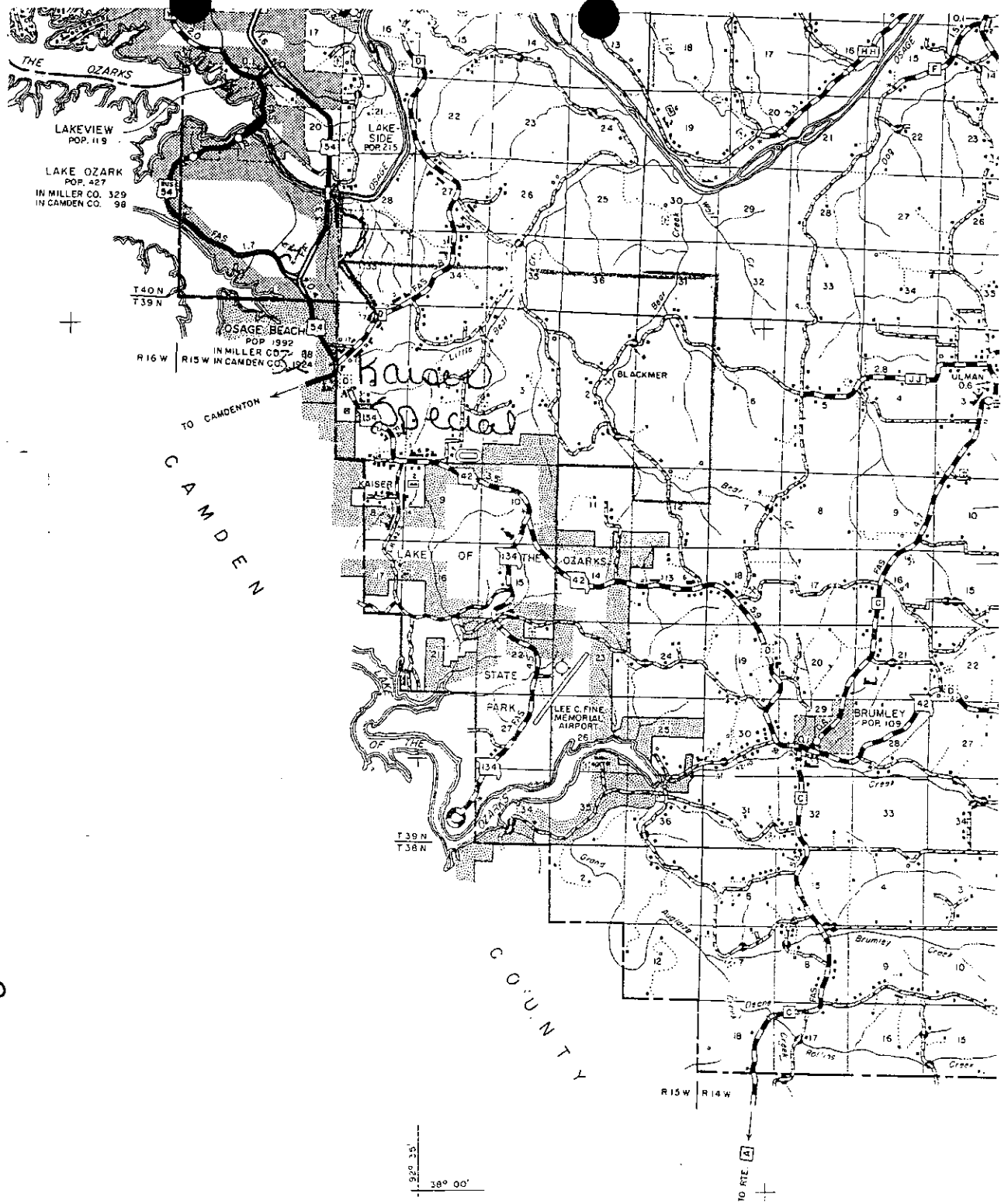
I would be glad to meet with both parties at anytime on this matter.

This letter is lengthy, but thanks for hearing me out.

Respectfully,

John R. DeGraffenreid

John DeGraffenreid
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School of the Osage

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Mr. Jim Ketter
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Dear Sirs:

During our regular November school board meeting, the School of the Osage Board of Education approved a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit a letter of concern regarding the possible exchange of some facilities and customers from Ameren UE to Gascoage Electric Cooperative. It is my understanding that this agreement between Ameren UE and Gascoage Electric has been proposed and must be approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

On Thursday, November 8, 2001 I met with Lori Hoelscher, Larry Merry, and Bob Schnell, representatives of Ameren UE, to discuss the financial implications of this proposed transfer. I must admit they were forthright in providing this financial information. They informed me that School of the Osage would lose approximately \$54,857 in state assessed taxes per year. We are concerned about this loss of revenue and it's impact on our educational institution. I also understand all Miller County schools will lose revenue as a result of this possible transfer.

School of the Osage is committed to providing the best education possible for all our students. Revenue is very important to our goal of educating every child in our district, therefore the Board of Education expressed concern over the loss of revenue. We do understand that other considerations must be examined in order to determine the merit of this transfer but our desire is to make the Missouri Public Service Commission aware of the situation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Stan Johnson
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: AmerenUE
Gascoage Electric Cooperative
Office of Public Counsel

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 14th day of Dec. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge