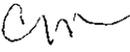
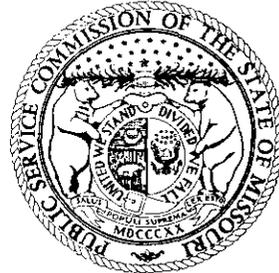


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center
All Parties in Case No. **ER-2007-0002**
and Case No. **EO-2007-0037**

FROM: Commissioner Connie Murray 

DATE: January 25, 2007



On January 24, 2007, I spoke briefly to Joe Bednar, attorney for AmerenUE, about general reliability and customer service concerns expressed at local public hearings in Case No. **ER-2007-0002** and Case No. **EO-2007-0037**. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in case **ER-2007-0002** which is a contested case and case **EO-2007-0037**. In contested cases, 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 240-4.020(8)), 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 to 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, I submit this report pursuant to the rules cited above. This will ensure that any party to this case will have notice of this communication.

cc: Commissioners
Executive Director
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
General Counsel