

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
January 24, 2001**

CASE NO: GR-2001-382

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

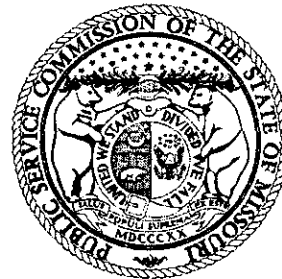
**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

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

FROM: Dale Hardy Roberts, Chief Law Judge *AHR*

DATE: January 24, 2001



On January 20, 2001, Commissioners Kelvin Simmons, Robert Schemenauer and I attended a public meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. The subject of that meeting was intended to be how various state agencies might assist Missouri citizens in their efforts to deal with the rising cost of gas. However, upon our arrival we found that copies of the two documents attached hereto had been placed in every seat in the auditorium and were being made available at the door. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in these documents in Case No. **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. In addition, I have also attached a three page "sign-in list" of the individuals who attended that public meeting.

cc: Executive Director
General Counsel

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE RISE IN NATURAL GAS PRICES

THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IS THE STATE AGENCY THAT SETS THE NATURAL GAS RATES FOR THE CITIZENS OF MISSOURI. THIS COMMISSION IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND IS MADE UP OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Sheila Lumpe, Chairman
Dianne Drainer, Vice-Chairman
Kelvin Simmons
Robert Schemenauer
Connie Murray

Each is paid \$91,185 a year of taxpayer money.

The present high gas prices that Missourians are suffering from have been approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission over the last few months. If the outrageous gas prices that are driving people to poverty are not high enough, the MPSC is now going to allow another **44% increase**.

Recently MPSC Chairwoman Lumpe said there is little they can do to lower Missourians heating bills. This is nothing but a lie, and demonstrates that the Missouri Public Service Commission refuses to do their job of protecting the public from greed utility companies.

If the Missouri Public Service Commission was truly committed to helping people, they could reject this 44% increase and demand a roll-back of our current high gas bills. The big gas companies and their puppets on the MPSC want you to believe that these high gas rates and future increases are necessary, but really they are only needed to allow the gas company to guarantee high profits at your expense.

Our local representative on the Missouri Public Service Commission is **Kelvin Simmons**, a former KCMO City Councilman. Instead of fighting for the citizens he used to represent, he has become a lackey for the utility companies. He even accepted a **\$1000 donation** from Missouri Gas Energy on March 17, 1999 while running for City Council. **He is obviously bought and paid for by the utility company lobbyists. He will be at today's meeting. Ask him about this donation and why he is supporting the 44% increase.**

Resolutions are going to be introduced in the Missouri House and Missouri Senate to fire all 5 members of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Call your State Representatives and Senators and tell them to support these resolutions.



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION
CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOANS RECEIVED

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INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

A. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM COMMITTEES REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT, OR FROM PERSONS GIVING MORE THAN \$25 TO A COMMITTEE.			4. DATE RECEIVED	5. AMOUNT RECEIVED (CHECK IF MONETARY OR IN-KIND)	1. NAME OF COMMITTEE	2. REPORT DATE	OFFICE USE ONLY
3. NAME, ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION (LIST COMMITTEES FIRST)			AGGREGATE TO DATE		8. NON-ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (LIST BY CATEGORY, NOT BY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS)		AMOUNT RECEIVED
NAME: Citizens for Responsible Energy Policy ADDRESS: 3420 Broadway 6th Floor CITY/STATE: Kansas City, Mo. 64111 EMPLOYER: Kansas City, Mo. 64111 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE:			3/17/99	\$1,000.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND	11. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM FUND-RAISERS NOT REQUIRING NAMES AND ADDRESSES (\$25 OR LESS/PERSON) (COMPLETE FORM CD 1A)		
NAME: Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton ADDRESS: 700 w. 47th St. CITY/STATE: Kansas City, Mo. 64112 EMPLOYER: Kansas City, Mo. 64112 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE:			3/17/99	\$500.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND	12. TOTAL ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS GIVING \$25 OR LESS		
NAME: Lathrop & Gage L.C. ADDRESS: 2345 Grand Blvd. CITY/STATE: Kansas City, Mo. 64108 EMPLOYER: Kansas City, Mo. 64108 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE:			3/17/99	\$200.00 <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND	13. TOTAL MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS GIVING \$25 OR LESS		
NAME: Lavonne C. Poteet ADDRESS: 800 Market St. CITY/STATE: Lewisburg, PA EMPLOYER: Lewisburg, PA <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE: Professor			3/17/99	\$300.00 <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND	14. TOTAL IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM PERSONS (NOT COMMITTEES) GIVING \$25 OR LESS		
NAME: Aaron G. March ADDRESS: 700 W. 47th Ste. 1000 CITY/STATE: Kansas City, Mo. 64112 EMPLOYER: Kansas City, Mo. 64112 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE: Attorney			3/17/99	\$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> MONETARY <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND	C. LOANS RECEIVED 15. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER		16. DATE RECEIVED
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8. TOTAL: ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS THIS PERIOD (SUM 6 + 7)				\$11,263.18	20. TOTAL: LOANS THIS PERIOD (SUM 18 + 19)		\$
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Sign Up Sheet

- 1 Jan Marcason - Mid America Assistance Center
- 2 Tom Turner - Bishop Sullivan Center
- 3 Rosemary Laune Santa Fe
- 4 Vicki Austin
- 5 Dominick Hadley - CALL Newspaper
- 6 Bettie Noah
- 7 Ralph B. Hamline
- 8 Arthur Gallouy
- 9 Alberto Pagan
- 10 Dorothy Nugent
- 11 Tom Bogdon - Labor Beacon
- 12 Ina B. Nelson - PAC Neighborhood
Suey Wilson
Dan Doty - City Union Mission
Rex Hunt - Community Activities
Dr. E. E. Hilde - Hon. Sp. Commissioner
Health Plan & Soc. Needs Monitor
- 18 Leon Moss
- 19 Milton Park
- 20 Russel Rudy - Metropolitan Energy Center
- 21 George Sutherland
- 22 Mr & Mrs Eugene J. White
Mr & Mrs James Bowland 24th Myrtle Black Club
Gordon & Daniel D-F-S/D-S-S
- 23 Rob Jackson KCMO
Maebae Hogerty Public Counselor

Sign In

Janice Lowe	State Rep. Dist. 44
Bence Paluka	Indep Mo.
Charles Christensen &	BASIC ENERGY & CONSULT. / ^{WEST} McLouth Storage.
Archie Barrett	Kan City, MO
Karl Johnson	Loma Vista Neighborhood Ass
William Carson	9 th Sen
Horace M. Chase	- - -
Alfred & Jean Douglas	4315 Indiana KCMO 64130
Andrew Miley	3951 Chelsea ave KCMO. 64130
C. Jarrett H. May, Sr.	3406 Benton Blvd. 64128
Paul Snida	MGE 3420 Broadway KCMO 64111
Curt Wenson	City of Raytown 737-6007
MAYOR Sue Frank	City of Raytown "
Mary Williams-Neal	414 E 12th / 3578 Tray KCMO 64134
Betty Wenston	4228 Montgall ave KCMO 64138
Glement Onyiahwe	2814 Walsh Ave KCMO 64109
John Jordan	543 E Main St KCMO 64131
Walter M. Little	1829 E. 48 th St 923-8955
Curtis C. Jones Sr	5035 LANE KCMO 9218422
Charles Burdett	4029 Benton Blvd. 921-9029
Miyacca Boulitt	4436 prospect K.C. Mo. 921-3562
Lillian Mock	4436 prospect K.C. Mo. 921-3562
Lonnie Spearman	7225 Olive KCMO - 64132
Mary Spearman	7225 Olive KCMO - 64132
Maudtha Kenble	6430 Walrond " 64132
Helen Sanchez	6401 Walrond " 64132
Helen M. Adams	3340 Indiana 64128

Georgia Jackson 3324 Indiana 64128
 Electa Myree 4143 Chestnut KCMO 64130
 Cheryl McCoy 4036 E 69th St KCMO 64132
 Vicki Walker 9826 James A Reed Rd KCMO 64134
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 Alexandra Colbert 9605 Walnut 64114
 Lemell Burditt 4029 Benton Bend KCMO 64130
 Linda Belton 1880 E. 63rd St. K.C.MO. 64130
 BILL TUDOR 12528 ASKEW GRANDVIEW MO 64030
 Dick Franklin 1800 S Indiana Lindy MO 64056
 Philip M Wall - 422 S. Van Buren (Kans City Mo 64124 (KCFO)
 Jesus Deloya 310 Benton - 64108 -
 L. L. Thomas 9821 ~~W. 11th~~ ^{W. 11th} Ave KCMO 64131
 BRENDA GARRETT 1900 Vine KCMO
 OSCO Bolton " " KCMO
 Mrs. DORIS DOWD 314 N. E. FLORANCE L.S. MO. 64063
 Bessie Thompson-Fleming 6406 Walnut KCMO 64130
 Margaret J. & Walt May 434 E Meyer Blvd KCMO 64131
 DeWody McClinton 11906 E. 59th St KCMO 64133
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 Mary Groves Blank State Senate Jefferson City

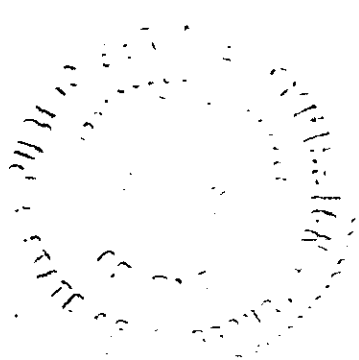
Del C. Hays, M.D.

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 24th day of Jan. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge