

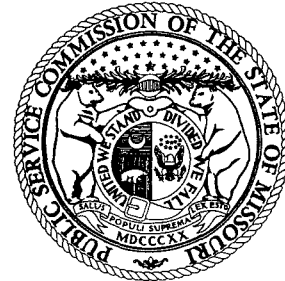
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Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department: All Parties in Case No. WA-99-224
All Commissioners

FROM: Chairman Sheila Lumpe *SL*

DATE: November 25, 1998



On **November 25, 1998**, I received the attached document from **Tom Scheiblehut**. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in this document in Case No. **WA-99-224**. 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
General Counsel



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November 24, 1998

Sheila Lumpe, Chair
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Dear Public Service Commission Member:

I am concerned about the recent buyout of the St Louis Water Company by the American Waterworks Company. My fear when you hear of a buyoff, merger, or whatever you call it, usually means job cuts. I sincerely hope those job cuts don't come at the expense of the quality of the water that the St Louis County citizens are dependent upon.

The County Water Company had profits of \$12,000,000.00 in 1997 and \$19,000,000.00 in 1996 through its employee's hard work. The production and maintenance work at the county water facilities is done by 350 members of the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO. The balance of the employees are, by the company's definition, considered supervisors. If this is true, there are 1.5 supervisors for every worker at the water company.

The union workers at the water company are good employees. It would be unfortunate if they are sacrificed but even more if the loss endangers the public health and safety.

Very truly yours,

Tom Scheiblehut
Business Manager

TS/mlm



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November 25, 1998

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Re: St. Louis County Water Company

Dear Mr. Scheiblehut:

The Commission appreciates knowing your opinion.

This case is an open case, so I cannot comment on it. Your letter will be shared with all the Commissioners and be placed in the official file so all the parties can view it.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Lumpe".

Sheila Lumpe

cc: Commissioners

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