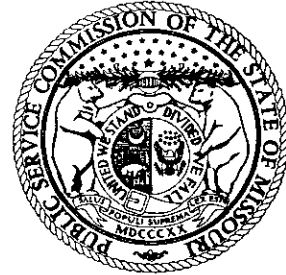


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center
All Commissioners
All Parties in Case No. **TO-2003-0531**

FROM: Commissioner Connie Murray *CM*

DATE: August 9, 2004



On August 6, 2004, I received the attached email from Kevin Dawson, President/General Manager for Mid-Missouri Cellular concerning its application process to secure ETC status. The Commission voted out the Report and Order in Case No. **TO-2003-0531** on August 5, 2004, with an effective date of August 15, 2004. Case **TO-2003-0531** is a contested case. 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), 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 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

Anderson, Pam

From: Murray, Connie
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2004 11:44 AM
To: Anderson, Pam
Subject: FW: ETC Application

Pam, Please prepare a notice of exparte contact for the file in TO-2003-0531.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kevin Dawson [mailto:kdawson@iland.net]
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2004 11:48 AM
To: connie.murray@psc.mo.gov
Subject: ETC Application

Dear Commissioner Murray,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support through our application process to secure ETC status. Your diligence in recognizing the benefits to rural Missourians this application would have provided is commendable.

Competitive pressures in our industry and declining revenues has made it extremely difficult to maintain and deploy the latest technological advancements in the rural most portions of the market often overlooked by larger regional and national wireless carriers. You recognized our goal of providing these services and the need to secure available funding to assure these services were available to everyone.

Once again I appreciate your dedication to the needs of our citizens throughout Missouri. If I can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Kevin Dawson
President/ General Manager
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