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For EFIS Filing in Case No. ER-2011-0028

The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has promulgated rules denoted as the “Standards of Conduct” at 4 CSR 240-4.010 and 4.020. Section 4 CSR 240-4.020 specifically deals with Ex Parte and Extra-Record Communication. Today I read an electronic mail message from Joe Burton (jdblfb@sbcglobal.net) which was sent on February 28, 2011.

A review of the parties to this case, currently listed in the Electronic Information and Filings System (“EFIS”) of the Commission, does not reveal that Mr. Burton is currently a party to the case file referenced in his e-mail message, which means that the e-mail is not governed by 4 CSR 240-4.020(3) Ex Parte Communication, but rather is governed as an Extra Record Communication under 4 CSR 240-4.020(1)(H).

My review of the EFIS system does not indicate that Mr. Burton has currently undertaken disclosure of his communication under section 4 CSR 240-4.020(4)(A)-(B) or 4 CSR 240-4.020(5), therefore the provisions of section 4 CSR 240-4.020(6) are triggered requiring that this Commissioner take action in the form proscribed by section 4 CSR 240-4.020(4)(A).

The attached written communication is filed in this case file in compliance with the requirements of section 4 CSR 240-4.020(6).

Sincerely,

Terry M. Jarrett, Commissioner

Attachment (Electronic Mail, Monday February 28, 2011, From: joe burton Subject: Ameren UE Rate Increases)

Jarrett, Terry

From: joe burton [jdblfb@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 1:35 PM
To: Imhoff, Tom; Clayton, Robert; Davis, Jeff; Jarrett, Terry; keven.gunn@psc.mo.gov
Subject: Ameren UE Rate Increases

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this e-mail to show my disdain for a public service company that would ask for increases in the amount of 7.8%, 18% and 11% for three consecutive years in a row. Recently Ameren has advertised a public meeting in Dexter and Hayti regarding their most recent request for an increase. The major residential users of electricity within 80 miles of Dexter and Hayti are the cities of Sikeston and Cape Girardeau. Why would Ameren advertise public hearings in remote areas? They know and the PSC knows that there are no justifications for increases of any magnitude are not merited. Besides, if they have public hearings in the areas where there are people who understand the laws governing the establishment of public utilities, Ameren would lose the argument forthright. The public knows that there are many reasons why a cost increase is not merited at this time when unemployment is near 10%, cost of living adjustments for the elderly SSC recipients is 0, and multiple other reasons exist. If Ameren needs \$250 million plus rate increase to fund maintenance and other expenses, why don't they reduce the dividend and sell bonds to establish capital as any other corporation would do. The corporations within the S & P 500 are not paying dividends of the magnitude of 4-5% as Ameren is doing or has done. It is my hope that the Public Service Commission will do their job of protecting the public from this absurdity.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Don Burton P.E.