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CASE NO: GE-2001-393

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


Sincerely,



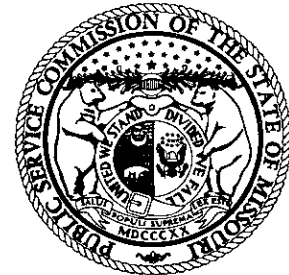
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department: All Parties in Case No. GE-2001-393
All Commissioners

FROM: Shelly A. Register 
Regulatory Law Judge

DATE: May 4, 2001



On May 2, 2001, during a local public hearing for Case No. GR-2001-292 held in St. Joseph, Missouri, Penny Adams, one of the members of the public testified that she was disappointed and the charitable organizations in their community were devastated by the Commission's decision in Case No. GE-2001-393, which remains an open case at this time. Chair Sheila Lumpe and Commission Steve Gaw were present at this local public hearing and I presided on behalf of Morris Woodruff. Doug Micheel, Senior Public Counsel, offered to explain the position of the Office of the Public Counsel to the witness after the hearing, noting that the Office of the Public Counsel supported the position taken in the Commission's decision. A copy of the transcript containing Ms. Adams' testimony will be on file in the Commissions' Official Record in Case No. GR-2001-292.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020(4) it is improper for any person to attempt to sway the judgment 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

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 4th day of May 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

