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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**

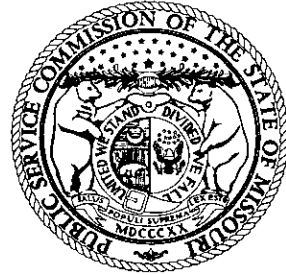
Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department:
All Parties in Case No. **GM-2001-585**
All Commissioners

FROM: Commissioner Steve Gaw



DATE: August 2, 2001



On July 26, 2001, I had a telephone conversation with Scott Burnett. Mr. Burnett stated that Gateway Pipeline, Inc., was displeased with Staff's recent request for an extension of the procedural schedule in this case. The Commission is currently considering this request. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020(4) no person may attempt to sway the judgment of the Commission or a Regulatory Law Judge in a proceeding before the Commission outside the hearing process. Whenever such contact might occur 4 CSR 240-4.020(8) 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 conversation and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments presented.

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 2nd day of August 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

