Notice of Ex Parte Contact

TO: Data Center All Parties in Case No. ER-2007-0002

FROM: Chairman Jeff Davis MDy

DATE: March 21, 2007



On March 21, 2007 I received the attached letter from Mr. Richard M. AuBuchon regarding Ameren. The Commission is currently considering some of the issues discussed in this document in case **ER-2007-0002** which is a contested case. In contested cases, the Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Although communications from members of the public and other government officials 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 240-4.020(8)), 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: Commissioners Executive Director Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge General Counsel

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Dear Doug:

As the State of Missouri and Office of Administration's legal counsel in the Ameren rate case before the Public Service Commission (PSC), please take all necessary actions to recognize Ed Martin, the Governor's Chief of Staff, as a witness to provide testimony to the PSC. Mr. Martin has testimony directly relevant to this case in response to public statements made by Richard J. Mark, which were not made part of the prepared testimony before the PSC. Whether through surrebuttal or direct testimony, the State of Missouri and the Office of Administration is absolutely entitled to present facts of relevance to this case.

Because this matter is so timely, please act on this immediately and let me know about the arrangements to allow Mr. Martin to testify.

Yours Truly Richard M. AuBuchon

Deputy/Commissioner and Chief Counsel

Cc: Chairman Jeff Davis (for the PSC)