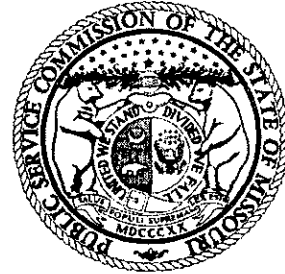


## Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Records Department:  
All Parties in Case No. **EO-2002-351**  
All Commissioners

FROM: Chairman Kelvin Simmons *KLS*  
Commissioner Connie Murray *mm*  
Commissioner Sheila Lumpe *SL*  
Commissioner Steve Gaw *7/1/02*  
Commissioner Bryan Forbis *BF*



DATE: December 12, 2002

Between December 6 and December 12, 2002, we received the attached letters from Joe Platt, Herbert and Jeanette Kramer, Betty Thoenen, Edward and Patricia Redel, Leo and Bernadine Brandt, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baker. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. **EO-2002-351**. **EO-2002-351** 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 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, we 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  
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General Counsel

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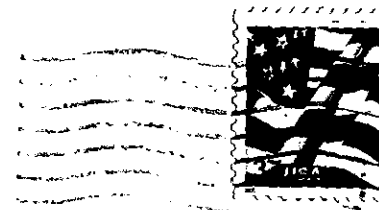
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C/O SHEILA LOMPE

Rec'd 6/16/62

Dear Members:

Whatever happened to a smile and a handshake when it came to making deals? Cash on the barrelhead is another euphemism most of us grew up with. In fact, many of us facing the prospect of a 345-kv line running through our property are second and third generation folks, whose fathers and grandfathers believed they were dealing with that sort of straight-forward honesty.

It turns out they weren't, only we're the ones expected to pay for it. What Central Electric Co-op did to us is unconscionable, reprehensive and in my opinion, a crime. They talked about progress and the need to electrify rural Missouri. Our ancestors went along with this, for the most part, in the spirit of helping out. Their land was not given high value, certainly not what it is today. And the pittance given for right-of-way easements, even if invested, wouldn't have covered the taxes on the easement that we still pay. That doesn't seem fair by any stretch of the imagination: they get the right to come onto my land any time they feel like it, do whatever they want, without consequence, and I get to pay for that privilege?

How would you feel if you made a deal with someone who gave away all you had agreed to, without even as much as a phone call? That's what Central did. They gave away our land to a fellow utility company and left us to dry in the wind. What makes it worse is they dishonored our fathers and grandfathers, many of whom are dead and don't even know they've been slighted. How would you feel if a deal you made was handled in this manner with your kids or grandkids? I'm sure you envision success for yourself and a solid foundation for your future generations. Wouldn't it seem wrong to you if that were ripped apart in 30 or 40 years? Wouldn't it be monstrous to buy a car for your child only to have the dealer say, sorry, we've given the tire manufacturer the right to take the tires off any time they want?

Ameren loves to say they understand our predicament and they're doing every thing possible to "minimize the impact" of this proposed line. If that were true, they would understand that forcing a family from its home is not minimizing the impact. Would it make a difference to them if everyone on the corridor had to have their house razed? Maybe, but if there are alternate routes, UE should consider them. That is the only way to minimize the impact of this line. There are other routes; the problem is the cost would be more. I heard a radio ad the other day that said UE Customers were paying the same rate today they paid 20 years ago. And that UE was doing everything it could to kept rates reasonable. Well, because of this proposed line, we're in double trouble. The reason is we have to suffer the indignity of losing our way of life and we don't benefit from a reduction in rates because we're not UE customers. If this new line is progress and it's designed to benefit all of us, where does our benefit come in?

What UE wants to do is increase its bottom line by building a line that improves its transmission capability to customers not even in this state. How does that benefit Missourians?

You may look at the so-called facts of this case and decide maybe UE has a point. But at what cost? And what is at stake here is not simply a matter of a few structures tossed aside like junk. It's not just a matter of stripping our dignity in search of the almighty dollar. This is about

Ameren UE lining its pockets and snubbing its nose at all of us. Because they believe they don't have to answer to anyone.

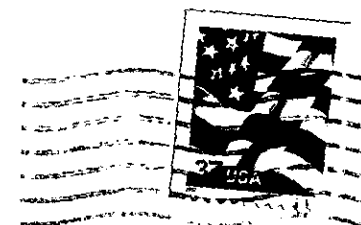
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Dec. 6, 2002

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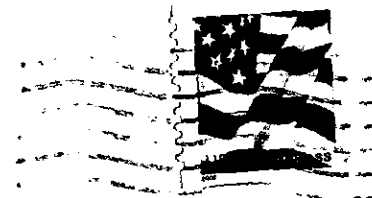
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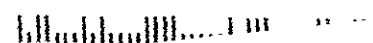


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