Notice of Ex Parte Contact

TO:

Data Center

All Parties in Case No. ER-2008-0318

FROM:

Commissioner Kevin D. Gunn

DATE:

October 23, 2008



On October 21, 2008, I received a copy of the same letter that Commissioner Jarrett referenced in his notice of ex parte contact that was addressed to Commissioner Robert M. Clayton III from Tom Voss, President and Chief Executive Officer of AmerenUE, responding to Commissioner Clayton's October 15, 2008 inquiry regarding a story in the Hannibal Courier-Post and a potential dispute among the Hannibal Board of Public Works, AmerenUE, and the Midwest ISO. This case, **ER-2008-0318**, is a contested case. The Commission is bound by its *ex parte* rule, and, I am therefore giving notice to the parties this communication has been received.

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 240-4.020(8)), when a communication from any person interested in a case (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, 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:

Commissioners

Executive Director

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

General Counsel