## Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

Data Center TO: All Parties in Case No. ER-2010-0036

FROM:

Sheryl Gregory DPA for Commissioner Jeff Day

DATE: January 6, 2010



On the evening of Tuesday, January 5, 2010, I received an automated telephone call from the Fair Electricity Rate Action Fund (FERAF). According to the Southeast Missourian, FERAF is made up the AARP, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (Anheuser-Busch, Boeing, Doe Run, Ford, General Motors, Noranda Aluminum, Monsanto and 12 other major St. Louis industrial companies), the Missouri Office of Public Counsel, The Missouri Retailers Association (Schnuck's, Macy's, J.C. Penney and other commercial customers of AmerenUE), Consumer Council of Missouri and The Midwest Energy Users Association (Wal-Mart, Best Buy). I also heard a radio announcement on 99.3 on my way to work Tuesday morning sponsored by FERAF announcing the local public hearing in Jefferson City at 200 Madison Street to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. This case, ER-2010-0036, 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 information and a full and fair opportunity to respond.

cc: Commissioners

**Executive Director** Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge General Counsel