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Notice of Ex Parte Contact

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TO:

Records Department: All Parties in Case No. TW-97-333

All Commissioners

FROM:

Chairman Sheila Lumpe

DATE:

December 23, 1998

On **December 11**, 1998, I received the attached document from **Robert Burton**. The Commission is currently considering the same issues as to those set out in this document in Case No. **TW-97-333**. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020(4) it is improper for any person to attempt to sway the judgement of the Commission by undertaking, directly or indirectly, outside the hearing process, to bring pressure or influence to bear upon the Commission, or the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to the proceeding.

Whenever such contact might occur 4 CSR 240-4.020(a) 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 attached information and a full and fair opportunity to respond to the comments contained therein.

cc:

Executive Director

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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December 23, 1998

Robert Burton 11632 SE OBrian Road Easton, MO 64443

Re: Community Optional Service

Dear Mr. Burton:

The Commission appreciates knowing your opinion.

This case is an open case, so I cannot comment on it. Your letter will be shared with all the Commissioners and be placed in the official file so all the parties can view it.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Sheila Lumpe

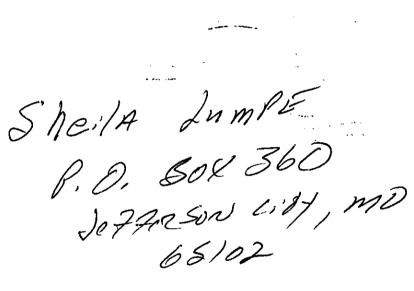
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I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 23rd day of December, 1998.

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge