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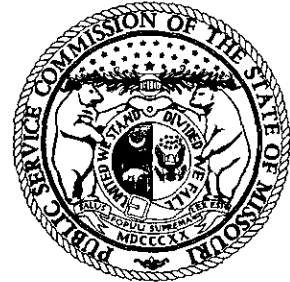
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Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

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

FROM: Chairman Sheila Lumpe

DATE: January 28, 1998



On **January 26, 1998**, I received the attached document from **Greg & Kathy Branson**. 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
General Counsel



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January 28, 1998

Greg & Kathy Branson
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Branson:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Lumpe".

Sheila Lumpe

cc: Commissioners

January 21, 1998

Ms. Sheila Lumpe
PSC Chairman
Public Service Commission
301 W High St.
Jefferson City MO 65101

at parties

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Ms. Lumpe:

This letter concerns your view on Community Optional Service (COS).

We have had this service for the past 4 1/2 years. It is very important to our family's daily lives. We live in Linn but two of our children attend school in Jefferson City and one of us work in Jefferson City. Therefore, this service is used by our son as a connection with his friends and also by us so that we can call each other at work and not pay long distance charges.

Linn can only call one exchange without paying a long distance charge. We cannot even call a cell phone without paying long distance without COS. There are no local numbers for people outside the Jefferson City area for cell phones.

Our son uses American Online daily. There is also no local number to connect to this either.

What if every exchange in Jefferson City was a long distance call? What if every exchange between State Agencies was a long distance call? Would the public think you were working for them?

This does not seem like you are working for the public. There may only be a small amount of Missourians that have this service but have you thought about how many people USE this service. In our case, you would be affecting at least 20-25 households by taking this service away.

I beg you to please reconsider your view on ending COS. This is the best thing that has happened with our phone service.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

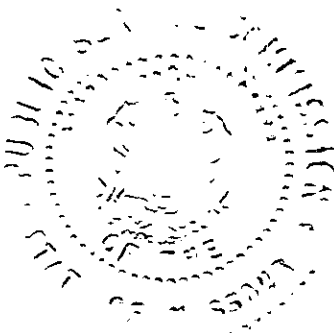
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**STATE OF MISSOURI
OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**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 28th day of January, 1998.**



Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**