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TO:

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

All Commissioners

FROM:

Chairman Sheila Lumpe

DATE:

January 9, 1998



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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge



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January 9, 1998

Mrs. Lloyd Watson RR 1 Box 36 Gibbs, MO 63540

Dear Mrs. Watson:

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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cc: Commissioners

Governor Mel Carnahan

#### GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Re: Mrs. Lloyd Watson	Date: 1-8-98
Gardner: Administrative Services	Grose: MHDC
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Please prepare response under your signature. Remember to mention that Governor Carnahan has asked us to respond. Return two copies of your response to Liz Sharp in DED, Truman Building Room 680.  Please return by	
If you have any questions, call Liz Sharp at 526-2423. Thank you.	

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GOVERNORS OFFICE

November 10, 1997

#### Dear Governor Mel Carnahan:

I recently became aware through an editorial in the local newspaper that our phone service will be changing. The Community Optional Service Plan, (COS) will be discontinued (excluding St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield) as of March 31, 1998.

This service allows those of us in rural areas to make unlimited calls to one designated town for a set monthly fee. It also allows anyone in that town to call the COS customer at no charge.

My husband and I are elderly, live on a farm and no longer drive. This service is invaluable to us as nearly all of our calls for doctor appointments, repairs, veterinary services and contact with our children would be toll calls without this service.

As of this time, our phone company has not notified us of this ruling. However, I have contacted the Missouri Public Service Commission and they verified the ruling.

I would very much appreciate it if you would check into this matter to see if any action can be taken to reverse this ruling.

If you need any further information that I could provide, please contact me at (660) 332-7915. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Respectfully,

Mrs. Lloyd Watson

RR 1 Box 36

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

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Bunnie (Mrs. Richard E.) Powers HC 54 Box 210 Buffalo, Mo. 65622 e-mail Buninbuf@aol.com

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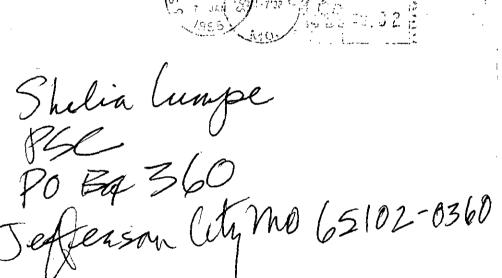
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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To: <slumpe@mail.state.mo.us>
Subject: Carthage COS meeting

Date: Thu, 8 Jan 1998 02:41:39 -0600

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

Commissioner Sheila Lumpe,

I am upset that you did not attend the COS meeting that was held in Carthage on January 5. The Commission never gave me an opportunity to express my opinion prior to the order terminating COS, so I was hoping that a Commissioner would have the decency to attend the meeting.

Section 610.020 of the Missouri Revised statutes states that "All public governmental bodies shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting, and its tentative agenda, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information." Does this law not apply to the PSC? Many were unaware of the PSC's initial hearings. Obviously, the PSC failed to "apprise the public of that information."

Perhaps our local news media ignored your Press Releases because they failed to deliver the facts. The press releases didn't mention that COS customers would wind up with a local calling area so small that it could be printed on three pages. (See the 642 listing on pages 384-386 of the 1997 Craw-Kan directory.) The press releases didn't mention that COS customers could be left in a situation where the calls to their public schools, area hospitals, and nearby employers would all become long distance calls. The press release didn't mention that internet access could become cost prohibitive. The press releases left out these facts, so its not surprising that they failed to capture the attention of the local media. If you had been honest enough to include the facts in your press releases, I suspect that the local media would have informed the public of your intentions in time for us to participate in the initial hearings.

Pouring salt in our wound, PSC staff members have suggested that OCA could be an alternative to COS. This is nonsense. For a family of four, OCA's 5 hour limit means 2.5 minutes per person per day. And beyond the measly 2.5 minutes, the telephone company starts sending the big bills. OCA is no alternative to COS. Recognize that fact!

The actions of your office have been absolutely unbelievable. Before it is too late, take action to see that COS subscribers retain equitable access to telecommunication services.

Tim Fredrickson 12340 County Road 270 Carl Junction, MO 64834-9717 (417) 642-5688 tfredric@getonthe.net

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From: "Tim Fredrickson" < fredric@getonthe.net>

To: <pscinfo@mail.state.mo.us> Cc: <fredric@getonthe.net> Subject: Error in Press Release

Date: Thu, 8 Jan 1998 13:12:25 -0600

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Hello,

The PSC recently issued a Press Release titled "Media Advisory--Expanded Local Calling Plans Not Affected".

There is an error in this Press Release. It states that "OCA, MCA and EAS will continue to be offered to customers." But, MCA is not available in the Joplin/Webb City/Carl Junction/Asbury/Waco/Alba/Purcell metropolitan area. This error could mislead the Press into believing that OCA, MCA, and EAS are all available in areas currently served by COS. And that's false, right???

I insist that the Commission make appropriate corrections to the Press Release. I would also like to know what recourse is available if the Commission refuses to re-issue a corrected Press Release.

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**CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE** 

Chairman, Missouri Public Service Commission

ATN: Sheila Lumpe

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Ms. Lumpe:

I am writing to adamantly oppose the cancellation of the rural long distance calling plan known as "COS." I am a rural resident of Webster County, however, I work, play, and spend my money in the Springfield, Missouri community. At this time, I DO NOT have a choice of service provider for my local telephone service. The COS plan was definitely a public service to the rural customers of Missouri. Without this plan, our phone bill will undoubtedly double (I already spend \$80-100 per month on telephone charges). From what I have read about the Commission's decision, it was based on the concept of competition, however, you are deleting a valuable public service prior to allowing an economical replacement service for rural customers. Again, I repeat, we DO NOT have competition in our rural area -- we are stuck with GTE for our local service any way you slice it.

Therefore, I want to file my official complaint against the Missouri Public Service Commission's decision to delete the COS program prior to thoroughly investigating what this will do to rural Missouri customers. We are REGRESSING!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Turner Rt. 3, Box 221

Rogersville, MO 65742

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Chairman, Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Sheila Lumpe P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

January 5, 1998

RE: Community Option Service Plan

Sheila Lumpe, Chairperson Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Sheila Lumpe:

#### Case #TW 97-333

I am writing in regard to the upcoming cancellation of our Community Option Service in March. I would like to express our opposition on behalf of the Galena R-II School District to this loss. It is extremely beneficial to our district. If it will not be possible to retain this service, we would like to suggest that those who are already on the plan be grandfathered in.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely

**Della Stewart** 

Administrative Assistant

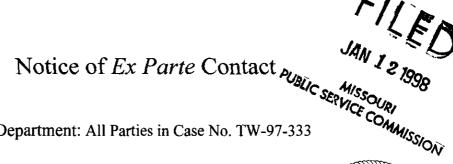
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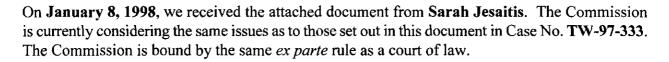
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**CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE** 

January 6, 1997

Sheila Lumpe, Chairman Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65201

Dear Ms. Lumpe,

As a rural resident and user of the Community Optional Service, I ask you to please reconsider your decision to cancel this service. I feel this is a very valuable service to many people. We feel very fortunate to have this service as our phone company is obsolete in many areas. Just this past summer they finally did away with party lines. Please don't discontinue this service.

Thank you for your consideration,

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32318 Highway 139 Laclede, MO 64651 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jesaitis 32318 Highwey 139 Laclede, MO 64651





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Sheila Lumpe, Chairman Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Sheila,

I am disappointed with your actions concerning recent developments with the COS issue. It is hard for me to understand why you chose to "slam dunk" me and my constituents on December 19th, especially after meetings were scheduled all over the State.

The Commission's hasty action on the efforts of the Office of Public Counsel to reopen this case has insulted the Missouri General Assembly. Worst of all, the insult you have caused to the taxpayers of this State is reprehensible. By refusing to allow the time to take public comment on this case, the Commission has failed to serve the very people you are there to protect.

Very soon, I hope that my colleagues and I will be sending HCR 6 to the Commission. We are demanding that you rescind your order to end COS by March 31, 1998 and reopen this case for public comment. My constituents deserve to be heard. I hope you will adhere to the requirements of HCR 6 because it is the right thing to do. If you fail, you will only open the door for other action by the Missouri General Assembly and further erode public trust.

At my meeting in Carthage last Monday evening, one of your staff members told a group of my constituents that the Commission didn't care what the public thought and that their opinions didn't matter. I am forwarding a list of names and addresses of the people who stood up and made comment at Monday evenings meeting. I want their comments to be heard by the Commission. You owe that to the people of my district and this State. It is time for the Public Service Commission to live up to it's name.

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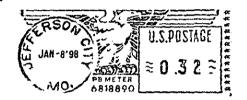
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## Notice of Ex Parte Contact PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TO:

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

All Commissioners

FROM:

Chairman Sheila Lumpe

DATE:

January 9, 1998



On January 8, 1998, I received the attached document from Clinton Fowler. 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

#### Clinton Fowler

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Route 2, 190 Sheldon, MO 64784

Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Attn.: Sheila Lumpe

Dear Ms. Lumpe:

Our residence is located in Vernon County, Missouri, approximately three miles north of Sheldon or 12 miles southeast of Nevada, Missouri. Our phone company is G.T.E. The area prefixes that are toll free are 884 and 944, neither of which will access a town larger than 400 people and hardly any businesses.

We would like to be on line with our computer, but due to our location the cheapest we can access is \$16.00 per month (COS) from G.T.E. for long distance, plus \$20.00 for internet service. Most of the individuals in this part of Missouri can access the internet without the long distance fees.

We would like the 884 prefix to be able to call Nevada, Missouri without long distance charges. This would get our cost for internet service in line with most of the population of Missouri.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Clinton Fowler

ex parte

Clinton Fowler Route 2, P.O. Box 190 Sheldon, MO 64784



Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 ATTN: Sheila Lumpe

#### 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 13th day of January, 1998.

Ask Hard Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts** 

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge