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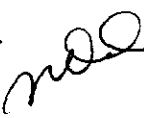
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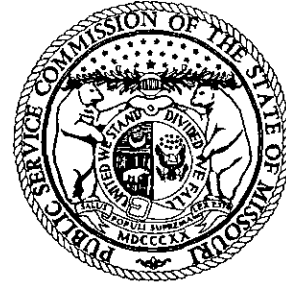
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Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: All Commissioners
All Parties in Case No. TW-97-333 et. al.

FROM: Vice Chair M. Dianne Drainer 

DATE: January 6, 1998



On **January 6, 1998**, I received the attached document from Tom Quinn. 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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M. DIANNE DRAINER

Missouri Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Drainer:

First of all I would like to thank you for your presence at the December 17, 1997 meeting in Centralia in regards to the COS program. I am aware how challenging your position can be especially when you are facing a group with a concern on one of your rulings.


It is difficult for me to project the impact of dropping COS on the Centralia School District. Our Columbia calls run about 3,000 minutes per month. Any amount above eight cents a minute would result in an increase in cost for us. For example, if the price should double it would cost us approximately an additional \$3,000 per year.

On a personal level, I have four children going to school or working in Columbia. The COS program has been a real blessing to us in keeping in contact with our children especially since two of them have significant health problems.

I do realize, after the meeting, that the dropping of COS appears to be inevitable. Therefore, I would ask the Commissioners to keep the COS until GTE can come up with some form of an alternative plan. Ideally, I would like to see Centralia included in the Columbia exchange.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

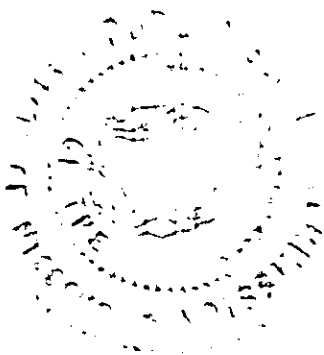


Tom Quinn
Superintendent
Centralia R-VI Schools

**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.**



Dale Hardy Roberts

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