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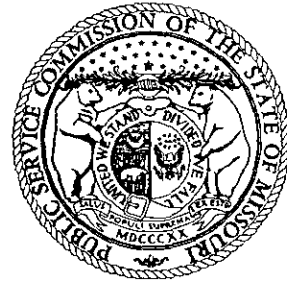
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Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

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

FROM: Chairman Sheila Lumpe

DATE: January 30, 1998



On **January 30, 1998**, I received the attached document from **Everett Williams (via Governor Carnahan's office)**. 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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Re: Letter to Governor Mel Carnahan regarding Community Optional Service

Dear Mr. Williams:

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, reading "Sheila Lumpe", is written above the printed name.

Sheila Lumpe

cc: Commissioners

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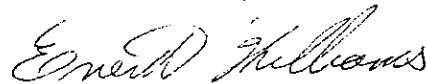
Governor Mel Carnahan
Room 216
State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Carnahan,

On December 24th I received a letter from Green Hills Telephone Corp. advising that beginning March 31, 1998, Community Optional Service will be discontinued. This means that every call we make to doctors, schools, banks or any businesses will be a toll call as our telephone exchange 636 (Area code 660) has no businesses listed, only about 160 rural residents. It seems unfair that only a few Missouri residents are unable to call their county seat toll free.

Any help you can give us in keeping the present COS service will be greatly appreciated.

YOURS TRULY,



Everett Williams