

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center
All Parties in Case No. **ER-2010-0036**

FROM: Jeff Davis
Commissioner

DATE: January 12, 2010



To the extent Dennis Morrissey who initiated this contact by the attached electronic mail message on Monday, January 11, 2010, with this Commissioner is a member of the public, or a ratepayer of AmerenUE, and thus represented by the Office of the Public Counsel, this individual has party status in this matter and this notice is properly categorized as a notice of *ex parte* contact. This case, **ER-2010-0036**, is a contested case. The Commission is bound by its *ex parte* rule, and, I am therefore giving notice to the parties this communication has been received.

Although communications from members of the public and members of the legislature are always welcome, those communications must be made known to all parties to a contested case so that those parties have the opportunity to respond. According to the Commission's rules (4 CSR 240-4.020(8)), when a communication from any person interested in a case (either oral or written) occurs outside the hearing process, any member of the Commission or Regulatory Law Judge who received the communication shall prepare a written report concerning the communication and submit it to each member of the Commission and the parties to the case. 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, we submit this report pursuant to 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: Commissioners
Executive Director
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
General Counsel

Gregory, Sheryl

From: jeff.davis.mopsc@vzw.blackberry.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 8:00 AM
To: Gregory, Sheryl
Subject: Fw: Ameren Rate Increase

Ex parte - please file notice.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: Dennis Morrissey <dpmnjcmo@mchsi.com>
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 23:15:11 -0600
To: Davis, Jeff<jeff.davis@psc.mo.gov>
Subject: Ameren Rate Increase

I can't make the public hearing but, count me in the ones against the 18% rate increase. One of their reasons for justifying the increase is the drop in revenues from sales of excess electricity. It was only last year they wanted us taxpayers to pay, in advance, (CWIP) for costs to build a new nuke plant. Not much has changed since last fall. I realize the Nuke wouldn't have come on line for several years but, If they can't sell the excess they produce now how can they say their will be a need later. Given the current economy, it is hard to imagine the need. They need to tighten their belts like the rest of us. I realize I don't have all the facts but, it is hard to swallow an 18%, or any increase for that matter. With businesses still not hiring or cutting back it just seems like they are trying to get more out of the reduced consumer base because they don't have as much use of their product.

Thanks for reading my comment. Not sure it represents my wife as we haven't really discussed it.

Dennis