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CASE NO: ER-2001-672

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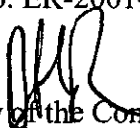
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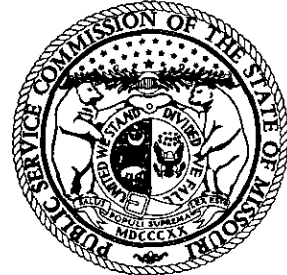
Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: All Commissioners
All Parties in Case No. ER-2001-672

FROM: Dale Hardy Roberts 
Chief Judge/Secretary of the Commission

DATE: February 22, 2002



On February 19, 2002, I received the attached document from Clyde F. Putnam. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in Case No. ER-2001-672. This is a contested case. The Commission is bound by the same *ex parte* rule as a court of law.

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), when a communication (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, I 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: Executive Director
General Counsel
Secretary/Chief Law Judge

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February 5, 2002

Missouri Public Service Commission
Office of the Public Counsel
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ER-01-672

Dear Sir:

I wish to PROTEST the proposed increase in annual gross revenues for Missouri Public Service, which they anticipate will amount to about 16.86%.

My family is living on a very limited fixed income, which is steadily being eroded by the increasing cost of food, medical cost and other essentials. We would be very fortunate indeed to get a cost of living increase of 16.86%.

I have enclosed some material, which upon examination, you might find interesting. There is no way that these Utility Companies can lose. They experience absolutely no risk in doing business. They are allowed to recover any and all cost, real or assumed and each year post-substantial profits.

Utilicorp United Inc. "Energy One" Missouri Public Service is tied in with Missouri Gas Energy "MGE", a division of Southern Union Company and others.

As your records will show a similar rate increase was slashed by the Public Service Commission as a result of misrepresentation on the part of that company of over \$22 million of the \$27 million for which they asked in 1998.

From what little information regarding the company's financial condition along with it's diversified affiliation with it's many other company's, that I am able to be aware of, it would appear to me that their future is assured without any increase in gross revenues, much less 16.86%.

I feel sure that they are playing the same old game of asking for the moon and hoping you will give them a good portion of what they ask for even though they deserve nothing.

I am thankful for the Public Service Commission, as it is the only check and balance mechanism that stands in the way of these profit motivated corporations. I do not believe that any increase in revenues for the company is in order, however, if you do not agree I would ask that you limit the increase to as little as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

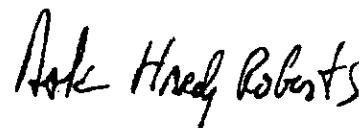

Clyde F. Putnam

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 22nd day of Feb. 2002 .



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

