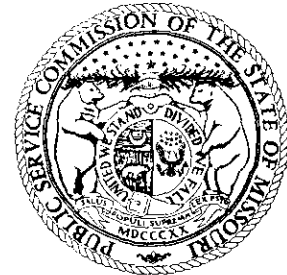


Notice of *Ex Parte* Contact

TO: Data Center
All Parties in Case No. **ER-2007-0002**

FROM: Chairman Jeff Davis
Commissioner Connie Murray
Commissioner Steve Gaw
Commissioner Robert Clayton
Commissioner Lin Appling



DATE: January 9, 2007

On January 8, 2007, we received the attached letter from Ray Naughton regarding AmerenUE. The Commission is currently considering the issues discussed in this document in case **ER-2007-0002** which is a contested case. In contested cases, 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 240-4.020(8)), 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, 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
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January 4, 2007

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C. Murray

Dear Ms Murray:

AmerenUE's poor service quality does not justify any rate increase or fuel adjustment surcharge. AmerenUE routinely plagues consumers with electric power spikes, sags and outages.

Virtually all power outages are due to AmerenUE's decision not to bury their electric distribution system from substations to each home and business. Bad weather happens and will happen in the future. Burying wires costs considerably more than stringing them overhead. However, underground plant costs much less to maintain than overhead and would eliminate most of AmerenUE's service problems.

Missouri ratepayers should not pay AmerenUE's additional costs to restore power due to storm damage nor pay to rebuild the Taum Sauk reservoir. AmerenUE's catastrophic insurance will recover those costs. If AmerenUE made the business decision to self-insure all or part of those losses their stockholders must accept lower earnings to cover any shortfall.

My wife, I, and certainly many other ratepayers ask you and other members of the Missouri Public Service Commission to reject AmerenUE's pending rate increase/fuel surcharge. At the same time the Missouri Public Service Commission should require AmerenUE to bury 100% of their existing and new wires, from substations to each home and business, over the next 10 years. AmerenUE will recover capital expenditures to bury their plant through depreciation, retained earnings, debt and additional equity if necessary. Most consumers would prefer the reliability of buried electrical plant to your staff's proposed rate reduction.

Please do not reward AmerenUE's poor business decisions with a rate increase or fuel adjustment surcharge.

Sincerely,



Ray Naughton

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