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Authority to Implement a General)
Rate Increase for Electric Service)

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE JORDAN: Good morning, everybody.

3 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Good morning.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning.

5 JUDGE JORDAN: The Commission is calling
6 action in File No. ER-2016-0156. This is in the
7 matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations
8 Company's Request for Authority to Implement a
9 General Rate increase for Electric Service.

10 My name is Daniel Jordan. I'm the
11 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this action. I
12 would like to begin by having everyone make sure
13 that their cell phone is silenced. I won't require
14 anyone to turn their cell phones off because they
15 can be useful, and I've never had any experience
16 with interference from with our sound system.

17 We'll begin by taking entries of
18 appearance, and then we'll go into any preliminary
19 matters before the general opening statements. As
20 the Commission has directed, those will be limited
21 to ten minutes. For KCP&L Greater Missouri
22 Operations?

23 MR. FISCHER: Yes, Judge. Thank you. Let
24 the record reflect the appearance of Robert Hack,
25 Roger Steiner, Karl Zobrist, Joshua Hardin and

1 James Fischer on behalf of the applicant in this
2 matter. Our written information has been provided
3 to the Commission.

4 JUDGE JORDAN: For the Commission Staff?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Kevin
6 Thompson, Bob Berlin, Mark Johnson, Jamie Meyers
7 Nicole Mayers, Marcy Forck, Whitney Payne and
8 Cassie Aslan, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
9 Missouri, 65102.

10 JUDGE JORDAN: For the Office the Public
11 Counsel?

12 MS. MAYFIELD: Good morning. Cydney
13 Mayfield on behalf of the Office of the Public
14 Counsel and the ratepayers. And my information has
15 been previously provided to our court reporter.

16 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Brightergy,
17 LLC? Brightergy has been excused from appearing at
18 this hearing. Missouri Division of Energy?

19 MR. ANTAL: Yes, your Honor. Sorry for my
20 tardiness. Alex Antal on behalf of the Missouri
21 Division of Energy.

22 JUDGE JORDAN: Dogwood Energy? Has been
23 excused from attending this hearing. Renew
24 Missouri? Renew Missouri has also been excused
25 from attending this hearing. The Midwest Energy

1 Consumers Group?

2 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, your Honor,
3 David Woodsmall on behalf of MECG. I've previously
4 provided my contact information to the court
5 reporter.

6 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Missouri
7 Industrial Energy Consumers?

8 MR. DOWNEY: Good morning, Judge. Ed
9 Downey, Diane Vuylsteke and Lewis Mills on behalf
10 of the MIEC. I will provide contact information to
11 the court reporter shortly.

12 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Union Electric
13 Company? Union Electric Company Doing Business as
14 Ameren Missouri has been excused from part of this
15 hearing as well. City of Kansas City?

16 MS. TURNER: Alicia Embley Turner here on
17 behalf of the City of Kansas City, and we'd ask to
18 be excused from the remainder of the hearing as
19 well.

20 JUDGE JORDAN: I will grant that request.

21 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

22 JUDGE JORDAN: And let me remind everyone
23 to use their microphones when they speak or find a
24 microphone to use. City of St. Joseph?

25 MR. STEINMEIER: Thank you, your Honor.

1 Please let the record reflect the appearance of
2 William D. Steinmeier on behalf of the City of
3 St. Joseph, Missouri.

4 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. For the IBEW
5 Local Union's 412, 1464 and 1613? I'm not seeing
6 any appearance.

7 And now before we begin opening
8 statements, are there preliminary matters to take
9 up?

10 MR. FISCHER: Yes, Judge. On behalf of
11 the company in this case, we'd like to ask the
12 Commission's indulgence to allow us to pursue some
13 additional settlement talks with all of the parties
14 in the case.

15 The company has been visiting with Staff
16 and Public Counsel as late as last night, and we
17 think there is a reasonable basis to settle this
18 case.

19 But we need to bring all the parties into
20 the -- into the discussions, and we'd like your
21 indulgence to -- to have a delay in the hearing
22 perhaps until early afternoon. And we should be
23 able to determine whether we do have a reasonable
24 basis for settlement of the case.

25 JUDGE JORDAN: Does anyone have anything

1 to add to that? Not hearing anything, then I think
2 the Commission will indulge the parties in that.
3 And we will take a recess in this hearing. We will
4 reconvene, say, 1 p.m.? Will 1 p.m. be sufficient
5 time?

6 MR. FISCHER: That would be fine with the
7 company.

8 JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. That's what we
9 will do. We will take a recess until 1 p.m.

10 (Break in proceedings.)

11 JUDGE JORDAN: We're back on the record.
12 Would counsel like to update me on -- on the
13 progress of the parties?

14 MR. FISCHER: Yes, Judge. Thank you for
15 your indulgence this morning. We are continuing to
16 talk and making, I think, substantial progress.

17 I could report that we would like to
18 continue to talk this afternoon and postpone the
19 commencement of the hearing until 8:30 tomorrow.

20 JUDGE JORDAN: All right.

21 MR. FISCHER: If necessary at all.

22 JUDGE JORDAN: If that's necessary. Well,
23 let me propose this, that we go into recess and
24 reconvene at 8:30 tomorrow for an update. Anything
25 -- does anyone have anything to add to that?

1 Counsel for --

2 MR. DOWNEY: MIEC.

3 JUDGE JORDAN: MIEC? A request?

4 MR. DOWNEY: Yes, Judge. I'd like to be
5 excused from the hearing tomorrow if there is one.

6 JUDGE JORDAN: I will grant that request.

7 MR. DOWNEY: Thank you.

8 JUDGE JORDAN: Is there anything else
9 before we go off the record and recess for the rest
10 of the day?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, would there be any
12 problem if there were -- if there was progress
13 earlier to notify, say, you in advance of 8:30 as
14 opposed to waiting until 8:30 tomorrow depending on
15 how things develop?

16 JUDGE JORDAN: That's -- that's fine. I
17 -- if the parties want to recess further, then I'm
18 not going to require anyone to show up at 8:30.

19 What I will do is show up at 8:30, go
20 online, go on record and announce that progress has
21 been made.

22 If the parties will inform me that they
23 don't need to reconvene, then that will be fine
24 with me. That's what they will do.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm thinking of

1 Commissioners today.

2 COMMISSIONER STOLL: What did we miss?

3 JUDGE JORDAN: There will be a transcript.

4 Is there anything else before we go into recess for
5 the rest of the day?

6 All right. I'm not hearing anything. So
7 with that, we will adjourn for the day. I at least
8 will reconvene tomorrow. And with that, we are in
9 recess for the rest of the day. We're off the
10 record.

11 (The proceedings were concluded at 1:05 p.m. on
12 September 15, 2016.)

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