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Procedural Conference  
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In The Matter Of A Proceeding )  
Under Section 393.137 (SB 564) )File No. ER-2018-0366  
To Adjust The Electric Rates )  
Of The Empire District Electric )  
Company )

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding  
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 (June 14, 2018)

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go ahead and get  
4 started. We're here for a Procedural Conference in Case  
5 ER-2018-0366 which concerns electric rates of The Empire  
6 District Electric Company.

7 We'll begin today by taking entries of  
8 appearance beginning with Empire?

9 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter with Brydon  
10 Swearngen & England for The Empire District Electric  
11 Company, and the court reporter has my contact  
12 information on the written appearance form.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Staff?

14 MS. MERS: Nicole Mers for Staff, and the  
15 court reporter has my information.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And Public Counsel?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams for the Office  
18 of the Public Counsel and the public. The court  
19 reporter has my information as well.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the City of Joplin?

21 MS. BELL: Stephanie Bell with Ellinger &  
22 Associates for the City of Joplin, and I've provided my  
23 information to the court reporter.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: MECG?

25 MR. WOODSMALL: David Woodsmall on behalf of

1 MECG.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Renew Missouri?

3 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of Renew  
4 Missouri.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the Division of  
6 Energy?

7 MR. POSTON: Mark Poston for the Division of  
8 Energy.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And one thing I need  
10 to take care of at the start here is we had an  
11 application to intervene filed yesterday from the  
12 Division of Energy. Does anyone have any objection to  
13 Division of Energy's application to intervene? Hearing  
14 no objections, I will grant that motion.

15 All right. The purpose of bringing you all  
16 together was to have you work out a procedural schedule.  
17 If you can't reach an agreement, I'll give you a chance  
18 to resolve it amongst yourselves with the Commission's  
19 blessing, of course.

20 We have until August 30 for the Commission to  
21 make a decision in this case. So if it does need to go  
22 to hearing, it needs to go fairly promptly. This  
23 morning for the Ameren case they asked me how long the  
24 Commission would need to make a decision, and we would  
25 have to have the order issued at least 10 days before

1 that. So August 20, if you can allow us at least two  
2 agenda meetings before that following the final briefs  
3 for the Commission to deliberate and for me to write an  
4 order if that becomes necessary. As you can see, it's  
5 fairly tight time frames here.

6 So I'll ask you to give me a procedural  
7 schedule, file something tomorrow, and that will give a  
8 chance to the Commission to look to issue something at  
9 next week's agenda. Anything we need to discuss while  
10 we're still on the record? Looking around and seeing  
11 all the head shaking. So at this point then we'll  
12 adjourn the on-the-record portion of this proceeding and  
13 leave you to your discussions. Thank you all.

14 (Off the record.)  
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