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Tariffs to Adjust its Revenues.) File No. ER-2022-0337
for Electric Service)

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MAIDA J. COLEMAN, Commissioner
JASON R. HOLSMAN, Commissioner
GLEN KOLKMEYER, Commissioner

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1 JUDGE CLARK: Good evening. It's
2 February 2nd, 2023 and the current time is 7:09 p.m.
3 Now, the question and answer portion of the public
4 hearing just ended, and it was one of the longer ones.
5 So if you had questions about this rate case, I hope
6 you were able to get those questions answered.

7 Now, the Missouri Public Service
8 Commission has set aside this time for a local public
9 hearing in File Number ER-2022-0337. And that's a
10 general rate case which is captioned as In the Matter
11 of Union Electric Company, doing business as Ameren
12 Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust its Revenues for Electric
13 Service.

14 My name is John Clark and I'm the
15 Regulatory Law Judge that is going to be presiding
16 over this hearing tonight.

17 Now, the Missouri Public Service
18 Commission regulates the rates charged by
19 investor-owned utilities -- companies in Missouri to
20 ensure that those rates are just and reasonable. The
21 Commission also regulates the quality of service and
22 the safety of operations of investor-owned utilities.

23 Now, the Commission is made up of five
24 commissioners: Chairman Scott Rupp, Commissioners
25 Maida Coleman, Jason Holsman and Glen Kolkmeier. Now,

1 one Commission seat is currently vacant. The
2 Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to fixed
3 terms and confirmed by the Senate. The Commissioners
4 employ a staff of engineers, accountants, attorneys,
5 financial analysts, and other specialists in the area
6 of utility regulations.

7 And with me today are Commissioners Maida
8 Coleman, Jason Holsman, and I believe Commissioner
9 Glen Kolkmeier may be joining us shortly. Would any
10 of the Commissioners like to make an opening remark?
11 I hear none.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLSMAN: Thank you, Judge.
13 It's Commissioner Holsman. I just want to say thank
14 you to everybody who offered testimony tonight. I'm
15 glad to hear the question and answer session was a
16 robust discussion and we will be listening and we
17 appreciate everybody's input. Thank you.

18 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you so much,
19 Commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Judge, this is
21 Commissioner Kolkmeier. I am on the line and I want
22 to echo Commissioner Holsman's comments and thank
23 everyone for participating this evening.

24 JUDGE CLARK: And thank you, Commissioner
25 Kolkmeier. And I said that you would most likely be

1 joining us.

2 Now, the court reporter is transcribing
3 this hearing so that the Commission will have an
4 opportunity to review comments later. And I'm going
5 to begin by asking counsel for the -- to enter their
6 appearance for the record, starting with Ameren
7 Missouri. Counsel for Ameren Missouri?

8 MR. BANKS: Good evening. My name is
9 Eric Banks with Banks Law, LLC. My address is 1824
10 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

11 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Banks.
12 On behalf of the Commission Staff.

13 MS. KERR: My name is Carolyn Kerr. I'm
14 attorney for the Public Service Commission. Address
15 is 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

16 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Kerr.
17 On behalf of the Office of the Public
18 Counsel.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, chief
20 deputy public counsel, appearing on behalf of the
21 Office of Public Counsel and the public in general.
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25 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Williams.

1 And there are number of intervenors in
2 this case -- or a number of intervenors in this case.
3 Are there any parties I have not called? And I hear
4 none.

5 Now, normally if -- if -- in a public
6 hearing where comments were to be made, I'd call names
7 that were on a list. Unfortunately, I don't have a
8 list in front of me. So let me just briefly explain
9 what will be involved with the comment session.

10 If you wish to make a comment to the
11 Commission, I'll place you under oath and ask you to
12 state and spell your name and then you'll have an
13 opportunity to offer your comments to the Commission.

14 If you offer comments, I'm going to ask
15 that when you're finished making your comments, you
16 don't immediately log off or go away because I may
17 have questions for you or the Commissioners may have
18 questions for you or some of the attorneys that you
19 just heard may have questions for you. If any
20 Commissioners, attorneys have questions, just chime in
21 when you have those questions and let me know.

22 Now, the Commission will not be able to
23 answer your questions this evening. And that's
24 because the Commission has to remain impartial until
25 after the evidence is presented at the evidentiary

1 hearing. If you have questions, please speak to
2 representatives of the company, the Commission Staff,
3 the Office of Public Counsel.

4 Also, I'm going to ask that everybody be
5 polite to those who are talking and understand that
6 they just have -- want to have their comments made to
7 the Commission. Please treat others as you would like
8 to be treated.

9 And if anybody likes, at the end I would
10 be happy to give out the number for Ameren Missouri
11 Customer Service; as well as for PSC, the Public
12 Service Commission Consumer Services.

13 Now, if you're on the fence about
14 offering comments to the Commission, I would urge you
15 to lean towards offering those comments. And that's
16 because the Commission has the opportunity to hear
17 from the parties at the evidentiary hearing and in the
18 parties' briefs, but this is the Commission's
19 opportunity to hear from the public and that has value
20 to the Commission. I learn something at almost every
21 public hearing that I attend.

22 With that in mind, is there anybody who
23 would like to make comments tonight to the Commission?
24 And it's entirely possible that there may not be. A
25 lot of people just show up for the question and answer

1 session, and that's great. And if you were able to
2 get your questions answered, that's all the better.
3 But I'm going to hold it open for just a second and
4 just audibly unmute yourself and let me know if you
5 would like to make a comment.

6 Would anybody like to make comments to
7 the Commission this evening about this rate case?

8 Okay. I hear no one and I see no hands
9 up at this point. I'm going to say it one last time
10 just to make sure I give everybody a chance. Would
11 anybody like to make a comment? Going once, going
12 twice, going three times.

13 Okay. Well, I'd like to thank everybody
14 who showed up here today. And I'm assuming that
15 everybody just showed up for the question and answer
16 session. If, however, you get back to your home and
17 you realize that you would have liked to have made a
18 comment but didn't or you're talking to somebody about
19 the question and answer question and they say hey, I
20 would like to make a comment to the Commission, it is
21 possible to still make comments to the Commission even
22 if you don't attend a public hearing.

23 And you may do that by making written
24 comments by contacting the Commission's -- the e-mail
25 address, PSCinfo@PSC.Mo.gov; by contacting the Office

1 of the Public Counsel, they've been gracious enough to
2 be sure that those comments get filed with the
3 Commission; or by going to the PSC's webpage. And if
4 you go to the webpage, you will find a link whereby
5 you can leave comments for this case. It helps to
6 have the case number for this case, and the case
7 number is ER-2022-0337.

8 I said I would give those numbers so I'm
9 going to go ahead and give those anyway. If you are
10 interested in contacting Ameren Missouri Customer
11 Service, you may do so by contacting 1.800.321.2477.
12 And if you wish to contact PSC Consumer Services, you
13 may do so by contacting 1.800.392.4211.

14 I would like to thank you all once again
15 for showing up tonight and this hearing is now
16 adjourned and we will go off the record.

17 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
18 concluded at 7:18 p.m.)

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