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Page 3 PROCEEDINGS 1 2 JUDGE JORDAN: We are on the record. 3 The Commission is calling the action in File No. ER-2014-0258. This is in the matter of Union 4 5 Electric Company doing business as Ameren Missouri's 6 tariff to increase its revenues for electric 7 service. 8 I'm Daniel Jordan. I'm the regulatory law judge assigned to this proceeding and we are here to record witnesses' testimony on proposed rate 10 increases. During this part of the proceeding there 11 12 will be no company statements or answers, nor will the commissioners be answering any questions because 13 they are ultimately the decision-makers in this 14 15 action. They're not going to make a statement as to -- as to this proceeding but they are here to 16 17 listen, to listen to what you have to say. 18 And my job here is to conduct an orderly proceeding. And based in part on what is said here 19 today during this part of the proceeding the 20 21 Commission hopefully will make its decision as drafted by the regulatory law judge who's assigned 22 to this action. 23 24 With us this evening in person from their

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Jefferson City offices are Commissioner Daniel Hall

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- 1 and Commissioner Scott Rupp. Any opening remarks,
- 2 Commissioners?
- 3 COMMISSIONER RUPP: Just wanted to
- 4 welcome you all here. Thank you for coming. As the
- 5 judge said, we are here to listen, so when you come
- 6 up to testify we want you to tell us what is on your
- 7 mind. It's a good opportunity for you to tell us
- 8 about customer service and things of that nature,
- 9 also just what you think about the pending issue
- 10 before us with the rate case.
- 11 And also, as the judge said, if you pose any
- 12 questions to myself or the other commissioner we are
- 13 not allowed to answer. We are only here just to
- 14 listen so that we can gather all the information
- 15 along with all the evidence of the hearing and we
- 16 will eventually make a decision, you know, several
- 17 months down the road.
- But, please, come speak your mind as we're
- 19 here to listen. Thank you very much for coming out.
- JUDGE JORDAN: I will now go to entries
- 21 of appearance. We will start with the applicant,
- 22 Union Electric Company.
- MR. TRIPP: Michael R. Tripp, P.O. Box
- 24 918, Columbia, Missouri 65205 for Ameren Missouri.
- 25 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. For the Staff

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- 1 of the Public Service Commission?
- MS. JONES: On behalf of the Staff of
- 3 the Missouri Public Service Commission Akayla Jones,
- 4 P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- 5 JUDGE JORDAN: And for the Office of
- 6 Public Counsel?
- 7 MR. OPITZ: Thank you, Judge. On behalf
- 8 of the Office of Public Counsel I'm Tim Opitz, P.O.
- 9 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- 10 JUDGE JORDAN: Thank you. Are there any
- 11 interveners present in this -- interveners in this
- 12 action present who wish to enter an appearance? And
- 13 I'm not seeing any.
- 14 The court reporter will be recording your
- 15 testimony for the commissioners' use and for -- and
- 16 it will be transcribed so that commissioners that
- 17 are not present right here, right now can review it
- 18 as will the regulatory law judge assigned to this
- 19 action.
- 20 If you want to testify, I have a list. If
- 21 you signed up I will call your name and if something
- 22 else occurs to you, you'll have a chance before we
- 23 adjourn.
- 24 A few ground rules on that. When I call your
- 25 name please come up to the microphone. Please use

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- 1 the microphone so that everyone can hear what you're
- 2 saying. One person at a time only may testify. I
- 3 will administer an oath or an affirmation. It is
- 4 testimony. If religious convictions prohibit you
- 5 from taking an oath, just let me know, I will ask
- 6 you for an affirmation. And I will probably start
- 7 you off with a few questions to get you started.
- 8 Please speak slowly and clearly for our
- 9 reporter. Be concise out of respect for everybody's
- 10 time. If you want to agree, if you just want to
- 11 agree with something somebody has already said, if
- 12 somebody has said what you want to say, do come up
- 13 and tell us that. You don't have to repeat it but
- 14 come up, take the oath, say I agree with the
- 15 previous speaker. We want to hear that.
- 16 And make sure that if there was something
- 17 that you said or heard that was important during the
- 18 previous parts of this session, during the Q and A
- 19 session, during the presentation, say it now if you
- 20 want the commissioners to consider it when they make
- 21 their decision.
- 22 When you're done with your statement stay at
- 23 the podium until I excuse you, please, because the
- 24 other parties might have some questions for
- 25 clarification. The commissioners might want to dig

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- 1 a little deeper. I might have something to help you
- 2 clarify what you have to say. And remember if
- 3 something else occurs to you, you can always contact
- 4 staff or the Office of Public Counsel.
- 5 Any questions about what we're doing or how
- 6 we're doing it tonight? I'm not seeing any. Then
- 7 we will go -- oh, yes, Kevin Kelly reminds us that
- 8 we are videotaping as well and that means that the
- 9 commissioners can view your testimony as well as
- 10 read it.
- 11 So, with that, I will call the first name on
- 12 my list which looks like Susan Limestall; is that
- 13 correct?
- MS. LIMESTALL: Yes.
- JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Please raise
- 16 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the
- 17 truth, the whole truth, or nothing but the truth?
- 18 MS. LIMESTALL: I do.
- 19 JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Please spell
- 20 your name for our reporter.
- 21 MS. LIMESTALL: Susan Limestall.
- 22 S-U-S-A-N, L-I-M-E-S-T-A-L-L.
- JUDGE JORDAN: And are you a customer of
- 24 Ameren?
- MS. LIMESTALL: I'm a customer of

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- 1 Ameren. I live here in Kirksville.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Very good. Then go
- 3 ahead and tell the commissioners what you would like
- 4 them to hear.
- 5 MS. LIMESTALL: Thank you for the
- 6 opportunity. I'm glad this is part of the Public
- 7 Service Commission's process for rate increases. I
- 8 have been to other hearings that they have held for
- 9 Ameren and other entities.
- 10 I think the return of the investment is too
- 11 high. I mean, to make a 10 percent profit every
- 12 year they are -- every time just about that they're
- 13 requesting a rate increase I think is too much. I
- 14 think it comes off that Ameren is a very greedy
- 15 monopoly. That doesn't sit well with customers. We
- 16 don't like having that pay -- that we have to take
- 17 that out of our budget to pay for that.
- 18 You know, they're putting out these feel-good
- 19 ads. I, you know, pay attention to what's in the
- 20 newspaper and see them touting all the programs and
- 21 investments they made and that's just their
- 22 feel-good trying to sway the citizens of what
- 23 they're doing but I think that they come across as a
- 24 very greedy utility.
- I've paid a lot over the years. I've tried

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- 1 to make investments in my home with energy upgrades
- 2 and new appliances and new windows and new
- 3 insulation and new -- you know, new this and new
- 4 that just trying to keep my energy costs down and
- 5 yet my bill goes up every single year because of
- 6 these rates increases.
- 7 And I think the Public Service Commission and
- 8 the Office of Public Counsel really needs to do the
- 9 citizens a favor and say nay, they're earning too
- 10 much and it needs to be less than that. Thank you.
- JUDGE JORDAN: Okay. Any questions from
- 12 the parties, from Ameren, from Staff? From the
- 13 Office of the Public Counsel? Commissioners, any
- 14 questions for this witness?
- 15 COMMISSIONER HALL: Yeah, I do have a
- 16 question. Good evening, thank you for coming and
- 17 speaking with us. I was wondering, you mentioned
- 18 that you've heard some of Ameren's, I think you
- 19 called them "feel-good ads," some of those ads are
- 20 about energy efficiency programs, I was wondering if
- 21 you had taken advantage of any of those energy
- 22 efficiency programs that Ameren offers?
- MS. LIMESTALL: Only one over the years.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HALL: And which one was
- 25 that?

Page 10 MS. LIMESTALL: It was sometime ago 1 2 with, I think, a new appliance or something. 3 COMMISSIONER HALL: So you got some kind of --4 5 MS. LIMESTALL: Rebate, yeah. I don't remember. It has been a number of years. 6 7 COMMISSIONER HALL: Did you think that 8 was a good program? 9 MS. LIMESTALL: Anything they can do to help the customers I think is important to do. I 10 don't qualify for the other assistance programs 11 12 because I make too much money. I'm not a low income 13 but I'm still watching my budget like everybody 14 else. 15 COMMISSIONER HALL: Okay. Thank you. 16 JUDGE JORDAN: I have no questions for 17 you. The next name on my list looks like Jean 18 Morton. Do I have that right? 19 MS. MORTON: Yes, sir, that is correct and I will respectfully decline to testify this 20 21 evening. JUDGE JORDAN: Very well. Well, those 22 23 are the only two names that I have on the list but 24 we have the room for a while longer, so if anything has occurred to anyone that they would like the 25

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1	Commission to know about now is the time to come and	
2	say. Who would like to come up and testify?	
3	Anyone? Not seeing anyone.	
4	All right then. Remember that you can always	
5	contact Staff or the Office of Public Counsel should	
6	something occur to you or your neighbors when you	
7	get home and discuss this with them.	
8	Thank you for coming out, for listening and	
9	for speaking. Anything from the Commissioners?	
10	COMMISSIONER HALL: Thank you.	
11	COMMISSIONER RUPP: Thank you.	
12	JUDGE JORDAN: Very good. Thank you	
13	very much for coming out on this cold night. On	
14	behalf of the Missouri Public Service Commission and	
15	commissioners, thank you. This hearing is adjourned	
16	and we off the record.	
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2	I, Suzanne Zes, within and for the State	
3	of Missouri, do hereby certify that the witness	
4	whose testimony appears in the foregoing deposition	
5	was duly sworn by me; the testimony of said witness	
6	was taken by me to the best of my ability and	
7	thereafter reduced to typewriting under my	
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9	to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action	
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13	financially or otherwise interested in the outcome	
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