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13 Complainant,)
14) Case No.
15) GC-2007-0442
16 AmerenUE)
17 Respondent.)
18 CHERYLN D. VOSS, Presiding
19 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE
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18 ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Shikles

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

2 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: Good morning, we're
3 here for a pre-hearing conference in Commission Case
4 No. GC-2007-0442, in the matter of Irene D'Souza
5 versus Union Electric Company doing business as
6 AmerenUE.

7 I'm Cheryl Voss, I'm the Regulatory Law Judge
8 assigned to hear this case. I will be presiding over
9 this pre-hearing conference due to the assigned Judge,
10 Benjamin Lane, being ill.

11 We're going to begin with entries of appearance
12 beginning with Miss D'Souza.

13 Just state and spell and your name and your
14 mailing address, please.

15 MS. D'SOUZA: I-R-E-N-E, D-S-O-U-Z-A, 3708
16 West Rollins Road, Columbia, Missouri 65203.

17 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: Thank you.

18 Now we'll go with Ameren.

19 MR. LOWERY: Good morning, Your Honor. My
20 name is Jim Lowery, I'm with Smith Lewis, L.L.P, P.O.
21 Box 918, Columbia, Missouri 65205 entering my
22 appearance on behalf of AmerenUE.

23 MS. D'SOUZA: I'm having a hard time
24 hearing you.

25 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: That's fine, that

1 was the attorney for Ameren giving his name and
2 address. We'll do that a couple more times. And when
3 I leave, I'll tell you. And then, whatever you all
4 need to do to make sure you hear everything, you can
5 do. Now, we're --

6 MS. D'SOUZA: I can hear the gentleman
7 better than I can hear you.

8 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: Yes, we are on a
9 speaker phone and have the speakers up very loud. He
10 is on a regular phone.

11 So, we're going to have Staff take their entry
12 now.

13 MS. SHEMWELL: Lera Shemwell representing
14 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,
15 Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,
16 with Sarah Kliethermes, same address.

17 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: The Office of the
18 Public Counsel.

19 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston appearing for the
20 Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson
21 City, Missouri 65102.

22 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: That concludes the
23 things we need to discuss on the on-the-record
24 presentation. Now I will leave, and the court
25 reporter will leave, and this will allow the parties a

1 chance to discuss settlement, or to determine what
2 steps they want to proceed with in this case.

3 Irene?

4 MS. D'SOUZA: Yes.

5 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: It was a pleasure to
6 talk to you. If you have trouble hearing, which is a
7 very good possibility, just speak up and let them
8 know. And hopefully Jennifer will be able to
9 interpret for you to some extent when you can't hear.

10 MS. SHIKLES: Yes.

11 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: And I understand
12 that Judge Lane has set September 11th as the date
13 when a procedural schedule needs to be filed.

14 MS. SHIKLES: Irene, September 11 is when a
15 procedural -- I'm sorry, what was it?

16 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: A procedural
17 schedule. Basically, if the complaint doesn't
18 settle --

19 MS. D'SOUZA: September 8?

20 MS. SHIKLES: September 11.

21 MS. D'SOUZA: The final conference hearing?

22 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: No, that's the date
23 you have to decide when that hearing will be, if you
24 need one. Ms. Shemwell will make sure that you
25 understand the dates.

1 MS. D'SOUZA: Okay.

2 HEARING OFFICER VOSS: And this is not
3 going to be an evidentiary hearing, everyone can speak
4 freely. These are settlement negotiations, and the
5 comments just pertain to settling. We won't have
6 anything on the record at this point.

7 This concludes the on-the-record presentation.
8 I'm going to leave. Everyone has my number if they
9 need to get ahold of me.

10 I want to let you know real quickly, Ms. D'Souza,
11 who is here on the phone. There is a representative
12 from the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the
13 Public Counsel -- which is the People's advocate --
14 and the company. So, there are four different parties
15 on the line with you, including you. Okay?

16 MS. D'SOUZA: Okay.

17 (WHEREIN, the recorded portion of the pre-hearing
18 conference was concluded.)

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