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Under Section 393.137 (SB564))
To Adjust the Electric Rates) File No. 2018-0362
Of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We're here for a procedural
2 conference in File Number ER-2018-0362, which is the
3 proceeding to adjust the electric rates in Union Electric
4 Company under Section 393.137.

5 We'll begin by taking entries of appearance,
6 beginning with Ameren.

7 MR. LOWERY: James B. Lowery, Smith Lewis,
8 LLP -- the court reporter has my information --
9 representing Ameren Missouri.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Staff.

11 MS. MERS: Nicole Mers, on behalf of the
12 Staff. The court reporter has my information.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Public Counsel.

14 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, appearing on
15 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the
16 public. The court reporter has my information as well.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: MIEC.

18 MECG.

19 MR. WOODSMALL: David Woodsmall on behalf of
20 MECG.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Renew Missouri.

22 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of Renew
23 Missouri.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And Division of Energy.

25 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston, Division of Energy.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I believe that's everyone.
2 Okay.

3 MR. COFFMAN: John Coffman on behalf of the
4 Consumers Council of Missouri.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Let's start with
6 doing applications to intervene. I know Division of
7 Energy filed an application to intervene yesterday. Any
8 objections to granting that request to intervene?

9 MR. LOWERY: Not from the Company.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: It will be granted.

11 Mr. Coffman, was Consumers Council --

12 MR. COFFMAN: We were parties to the previous
13 case.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Were you? Okay.

15 MR. COFFMAN: I tried to intervene, and the
16 system told me I was already a party.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. That's fine.

18 MR. LOWERY: They moved to intervene late,
19 but they did, and I think you granted it --

20 MR. COFFMAN: In the previous case.

21 MR. LOWERY: -- in the other case or whoever
22 was the judge in the other case.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: It would have been me.
24 So -- I didn't get you listed on my order that the
25 Commission issued last week. So that's why.

1 MR. COFFMAN: Yeah, I wasn't sure. But the
2 system told me I was already in.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, we'll rely on
4 the system then.

5 Okay. Well, that takes care of those
6 preliminary matters then.

7 I brought you here to basically develop a
8 procedure schedule with how we're going to proceed in
9 this case. As I mentioned before we came on the record,
10 I'm glad to see everybody sitting around the table. And
11 hopefully we can, like the case before, be collegial and
12 work this all out. We don't have a whole lot of time.
13 August 30th, I believe, is the deadline for -- so we have
14 to do something fairly quickly.

15 I'll basically leave it to you to give me a
16 proposed schedule. I'm assuming somebody has access to
17 the Commission's calendar. I'll ask you to give me a
18 proposed procedural schedule by tomorrow.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, how much time does the
20 Commission want for deliberation in the event it proceeds
21 as a contested matter?

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, we would need to have
23 an order effective, I'm assuming, by the 30th of August,
24 which means it goes out before August 20th. I don't have
25 a calendar with me.

1 MR. LOWERY: Your Honor, I mean, we're going
2 to discuss this and -- but, I mean, we -- the Company
3 sort of mapped out mentally a potential, I'm going to
4 call it a backup schedule, because we're hoping that we
5 can resolve this without having to have a contested
6 proceeding. And, in fact, all the parties -- well, I
7 assume everybody's going to come. But we invited all the
8 parties to meet next Wednesday, and we've already shared
9 some information and so on.

10 So the schedule that I was -- I'm going to
11 suggest to the parties would have had -- would have
12 allowed two agendas between, you know, the last briefing,
13 to the extent there's briefing, which I was assuming
14 would probably be a reasonable amount of time.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That would seem to be. I
16 have a vacation planned the first week of July.

17 MR. WOODSMALL: Sorry.

18 MR. LOWERY: I don't think it would impact
19 that.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. So, anyway, let you
21 come up with what you can come up with. And, as you say,
22 a backup schedule, have something in case we need to go
23 forward.

24 Anything else we need to discuss while we're
25 on the record? All right. Then the on-the-record

1 portion is adjourned. I'll leave you to discussions.

2 (Off the record.)

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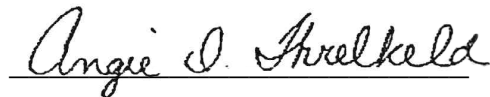
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