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UNICE HARRIS, )  
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Petitioner, )  
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vs. )Case No. GC-2013-0116  
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SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY d/b/a )  
MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, )  
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Respondent. )

MICHAEL BUSHMANN, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: All right. We're on the  
3 record. Today is Wednesday, December 12th, 2012, at  
4 2:00 p.m. The Commission has set this time for a  
5 prehearing conference in File No. GC-2013-0116, which  
6 is captioned at Unice Harris, Complainant, versus  
7 Southern Union Company, d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy,  
8 Respondent.

9 My name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the  
10 Regulatory Law Judge that's presiding over this matter.  
11 And let's begin by taking entries of appearance.

12 Ms. Harris, do I understand correctly  
13 that you're going to be representing yourself?

14 MS. HARRIS: Yes. That is correct.

15 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. For Missouri  
16 Gas Energy?

17 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper from the Law  
18 Firm of Brydon, Swearngen & England, PC, on behalf of  
19 Missouri Southern Union Company doing business as  
20 Missouri Gas Energy.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Mr. -- I don't think  
22 anybody is here from Public Counsel. Staff of the  
23 Missouri Public Service Commission?

24 MR. BERLIN: Thank you, Judge. Appearing  
25 on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service

1 Commission, let the record reflect Bob Berlin of the  
2 Staff Counsel's Office appearing in this matter.

3 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And is there anyone on  
4 the phone who has not been identified? Could you  
5 identify yourself, please?

6 MR. COOPER: Mike?

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Mr. Noack?

8 MR. NOACK: Yes.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Could just identify  
10 yourself for the record?

11 MR. NOACK: Oh, I'm sorry. Michael Noak,  
12 Director of Pricing and Regulatory Affairs for Missouri  
13 Gas Energy.

14 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you, sir. Are  
15 there any preliminary matters we need to take up before  
16 we -- while we are on the record?

17 The purpose of the prehearing conference  
18 is to give the parties a chance to come together and to  
19 talk about settlement when we're no longer on the  
20 record.

21 I do strongly suggest that you conduct  
22 serious discussion about settlement in the case. I'm  
23 going to also ask that you make a joint filing with the  
24 Commission no later than Friday, December 21st.

25 And that filing should be a status report

1 if settlement negotiations are proceeding or if you  
2 just need more time. Or if settlement negotiations are  
3 not going anywhere, then that filing should be a joint  
4 proposed procedural schedule.

5 This is a small formal complaint case, so  
6 it's not as formal as the regular contested cases and  
7 there's no requirement for prefiled testimony.

8 But if you do file a proposed procedural  
9 schedule, I would ask that, at a minimum, you have in  
10 there dates for the conclusion of discovery for filing  
11 a joint stipulation of non-contested material facts, a  
12 list of witnesses and issues, a proposed date for the  
13 hearing and a date for optional post-hearing briefs.

14 And I can -- I'll have a notice out today  
15 just kind of formalizing that requirement, but then by  
16 the 21st, we'll have some idea of where we need to go.

17 Is there anything else that anybody needs  
18 to bring up at this point that we need to discuss on  
19 the record?

20 Ms. Harris, did you understand the  
21 requirements that I just set out and what the purpose  
22 of that is?

23 MS. HARRIS: Absolutely. I'm very much  
24 clear on that.

25 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. Now, shortly,

1 we'll be going off the record, and the parties have --  
2 I have the phone bridge open until 4:00. And,  
3 Ms. Harris, that's an opportunity for you discuss with  
4 the other parties the possibility of settlement of the  
5 case and then, also, to talk about the procedural  
6 requirements and the dates and scheduling that we just  
7 discussed.

8 MS. HARRIS: Thank you.

9 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Anyone else have  
10 anything? In that case, we're off the record.

11 (The proceedings were concluded at 2:05  
12 p.m. on December 12, 2012.)  
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7 Reporter, Certified Court Reporter #0538, and  
8 Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public,  
9 within and for the State of Missouri, do hereby certify  
10 that I was personally present at the proceedings as set  
11 forth in the caption sheet hereof; that I then and  
12 there took down in stenotype the proceedings had at  
13 said time and was thereafter transcribed by me, and is  
14 fully and accurately set forth in the preceding pages.

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16 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
17 and seal on December 28, 2012.

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