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1 JUDGE CLARK: Today is Thursday, October 25th.
2 The time is 12:59 p.m. The Commission has set aside time today
3 for a procedural conference in the matter captioned as In The
4 Manner of The Propriety Of The Rate Schedules For Natural Gas
5 Service Of Union Electric Company Doing Business as Ameren
6 Missouri in File No. GR-2018-0227.

7 At this time I'd like counsel to enter their
8 appearance starting with the company.

9 MR. LOWERY: James B. Lowery, Smith Lewis LLP,
10 PO Box 918, Columbia, Missouri 65201 on behalf of Ameren
11 Missouri.

12 MR. KEEVIL: On behalf of the Staff Jeff Keevil
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15 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston on behalf of the Office
16 of Public Counsel.

17 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz on behalf of Renew
18 Missouri.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Anybody else?

20 MR. BROWNLEE: Richard Brownlee with Mike
21 Parnell on behalf of Missouri School Board Association.

22 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you all. At this
23 time are there any preliminary matters? Seeing none, I'm just
24 going to cut right to the chase of everything. I see that Mr.
25 Lowery filed something on --

1 MR. LOWERY: Should have been yesterday.

2 JUDGE CLARK: Yesterday on behalf of the
3 Company. I think -- this is the obvious the third one of these
4 that is going on today. Oh, we have got somebody else.

5 MR. LOWERY: She's an Ameren employee just
6 observing.

7 JUDGE CLARK: What I am going to ask is I know
8 everybody's got other cases going on so what I would like the
9 parties to do if possible is set a procedural schedule on this.
10 Is two weeks going to be enough time to do that?

11 MR. KEEVIL: That's what we did on the one this
12 morning.

13 JUDGE CLARK: And that's what I understood.
14 That's kind of why I'm doing this.

15 MR. KEEVIL: Let me ask you a question, Judge,
16 if I could. The same question I asked the judge this morning.
17 What -- is there anything specific that you saw coming out of
18 this procedural conference? Because it -- I mean, Staff filed a
19 motion for clarification of the previous order or the new order.
20 And then Ameren opposed it. And then the prehearing -- this
21 meeting was sent without anybody actually asking for a
22 procedural conference be set. And so like I asked Judge Pridgin
23 this morning: Are you looking for a procedural schedule for an
24 AAO hearing?

25 JUDGE CLARK: Yes.

1 MR. KEEVIL: Okay. That's what I gleaned from
2 the order setting the hearing.

3 JUDGE CLARK: Yes. I think in the motion for
4 clarification I think two things came out of that.

5 MR. KEEVIL: Right.

6 JUDGE CLARK: One is that not a deferral order.

7 MR. KEEVIL: Right.

8 JUDGE CLARK: I think the objection from the
9 Company was that you can't do a deferral order without a hearing
10 and without giving them an opportunity to be heard.

11 MR. LOWERY: It was the Company's contemplation
12 that we set up -- we would talk about it and try to come to an
13 agreement on a procedural schedule. That's what I was thinking
14 coming into the conference today.

15 JUDGE CLARK: That's what I was thinking too.
16 Once that's is set up for a shell for everything else kind of
17 revolves around that. I'd like to get a hearing scheduled so
18 that we know at least which direction we are headed.

19 MR. KEEVIL: So two weeks would be November 8th.

20 JUDGE CLARK: I don't have a calendar in front
21 of me, but that sounds fine.

22 MR. LOWERY: I think we will have an agreement
23 on one or know we don't have an agreement by then, but I think
24 we could probably agree on one.

25 JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

1 MR. LOWERY: I'm hopeful.

2 JUDGE CLARK: If for whatever reason you haven't
3 been able to agree on a procedural schedule by then, I'd like a
4 status report from somebody. Two weeks is longer than usual,
5 usually given for procedural schedule, so I would be surprised
6 if you can't come up with one. I don't have anything else on my
7 get done last. Is there anything else any party has at this
8 time?

9 MR. LOWERY: I don't think so, Judge.

10 MR. KEEVIL: Not from Staff.

11 MR. LOWERY: Not from the Company.

12 JUDGE CLARK: Seeing nothing, I'll adjourn this
13 hearing and we'll go off the record.

14 (OFF THE RECORD.)
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