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Company, d/b/a Ameren UE's for)	
Authority to File Tariffs)	File No. GR-2010-0363
Increasing Rates for Natural Gas)	
Service Provided to Customers)	
In the Company's Missouri)	
Service Area)	

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE JONES: Good evening. My name is Kennard Jones. I am the regulatory law judge presiding over this rate case. For the record this is in the matter of Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren UE, for the authority to file tariffs increasing the rates for natural gas service provided to customers in the company's Missouri service areas, File No. GR-2010-0363.

To my right is one of the five commissioners, Commissioner Terry Jarrett. Commissioner Jarrett, would you like to say anything before we get started?

COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Sure. Thank you, Judge. I appreciate you all coming out tonight. As they probably explained to you earlier, there are five commissioners. We're appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate.

Unfortunately, we're spread pretty thin right. We have several cases where we're having local public hearings, so commissioners are kind of all over the state attending these. So therefore, don't take it that we don't think these are important just because one commissioner is here. We do take these local public hearings very important -- you know, we understand they're very important. We'd like to hear your comments and your

1 testimony, and we take it very seriously. So we thank you
2 for coming and look forward to hearing your concerns. And
3 with that I'll turn it back over to the judge.

4 JUDGE JONES: Okay. We only have two people
5 signed up to testify. I will let you all know that if,
6 after they testify, someone else would like to, you will
7 have an opportunity to do so. So don't think just because
8 you haven't signed up, you don't get to speak on the
9 record. Let's go ahead and get started.

10 And I'm not sure. Is that the microphone
11 they're supposed to use right there?

12 THE COURT REPORTER: If they just stand,
13 I'll be able to hear them.

14 JUDGE JONES: Just stand and talk, you'll be
15 able to hear them.

16 okay. I'll ask you all to speak clearly and
17 loudly so the court reporter can hear what you're saying.

18 First we have Bob Mitchem. Did I pronounce
19 your last name correctly?

20 MR. MITCHEM: Yes, sir.

21 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Could you please stand
22 so the court reporter can hear you, and spell your last
23 name for her also, please.

24 MR. MITCHEM: My name is Bob Mitchem,
25 M-i-t-c-h-e-m.

1 (Witness sworn.)

2 JUDGE JONES: Sir, you may proceed.

3 BOB MITCHEM testified as follows:

4 MR. MITCHEM: Thank you, sir. My comments
5 were for the PSC. I'd like to support them in their
6 reducing their request from 10.5 percent to a more
7 reasonable 8 to 9 percent.

8 I had another comment about -- and my mind
9 has gone completely blank and I can't remember what it was.

10 JUDGE JONES: Take your time.

11 MR. MITCHEM: Yes. The -- the residential
12 customer fixed rate of \$15, I'd like to see that left as it
13 is and not changed to \$20.50 fixed rate. That impact would
14 be -- that's a 30 percent increase, which seems excessive
15 to me.

16 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Did you have any
17 questions of Mr. Mitchem?

18 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I don't have any
19 questions, Mr. Mitchem, but I do appreciate your comments.

20 JUDGE JONES: Next we have Sema Thacker. Is
21 there a Thacker here?

22 MS. THACKER: No.

23 JUDGE JONES: You don't want --

24 MS. THACKER: No.

25 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Those are the only

1 persons that have signed up. Is there anyone else who
2 would like to give testimony on the record before we close
3 the hearing?

4 I do want to ask you one question,
5 Mr. Mitchem. You said you agree with PSC. Did you mean
6 you agree with the Staff of the PSC and their position
7 on --

8 MR. MITCHEM: Yes, sir, the Staff of the
9 PSC.

10 JUDGE JONES: All right. Well, with that
11 then we will --

12 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I just wanted to add
13 too, I know you've met our Staff here. If you haven't had
14 your questions answered or you have some more questions you
15 want answered, I'm sure our Staff will be around for a
16 little while, so I want you to leave tonight having all
17 your questions answered. So please feel free to get with
18 Staff if you have any further questions.

19 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Well, with that then,
20 we'll go off the record. Thank you all for attending.

21 (Off the record.)

22 (The hearing was concluded at 6:20 p.m.)

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