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Steven Reed Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102



RE: 4 CSR 240-4.010 notice

Dear Mr. Reed:

This notice is provided in accordance with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-4.020, et. seq. in regards to a meeting with certain Commissioners on September 20th. A memorandum summary of the substance of the communications and a copy of the materials handed out at the meeting are attached. These meetings were the subject of previous notice letters filed in AmerenUE's pending cases.

Sincerely,

1s Wendy Tatro

Wendy K. Tatro Associate General Counsel

Moldova visit to AmerenUE September 20, 2010 <u>3:00 – 4:45</u>

Attendees from Moldova:

- Mr. Victor Parlicov, General Director (Chairman)
- Ms. Mariana Botezatu, Director (Commissioner)
- Ms. Silvia Pascaru, Main Specialist of Tariff Policy & Economic Analysis Dept.
- Ms. Veronica Muruziuc, Lawyer, Legal & Consumer Protection Dept.
- Mr. Anatolie Boscaneanu, Main Specialist, Legal & Consumer Protection Dept.
- Ms. Jargalan Jambaldorj, NARUC
- 1 interpreter

Attendees from MPSC: Commissioner Kenney, Richard Moore, Natelle Dietrich, Robert Boone, Contessa Poole-King, Steve Reed

Attendees from AmerenUE: Tom Voss, Warner Baxter, Steve Kidwell, Dave Wakeman, David Allen, Sandi Spurbeck, Wendy Tatro, Gaye Suggett

Attendee from MEDA: Warren Wood

Warner Baxter, President and CEO of AmerenUE, welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the company. He discussed AmerenUE's mission "to meet our customers' energy needs in a safe, reliable, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner." Mr. Baxter also discussed the customer operations goals: to maintain and strengthen the distribution grid and deploy advanced technologies to enhance reliability; to deliver industry-leading customer service; to partner with customers to provide information, knowledge and support; to provide services in an efficient manner and at an affordable cost; and to become our customers' Trusted Energy Advisor.

Dave Wakeman, Vice President of Energy Delivery, spoke about Reliability, Smart Grid and Storm Response Operations. He discussed the many programs that AmerenUE has in place to continually monitor, enhance and improve the overall system reliability for our customers. He discussed the importance of eliminating repetitive outages to customers, eliminating widespread outages, and reducing the effects of severe weather. Mr. Wakeman discussed the benefits that customers receive by technology being used to improve reliability and reduce long term costs. He discussed the proactive approach AmerenUE takes in planning and preparing for storms and outages, along with the quick response in dealing with storms. These items allow customers to be restored quickly, safely and efficiently. He said that customer service and serving our customers is very important at AmerenUE.

Sandi Spurbeck, Managing Supervisor of Customer Service, discussed the importance of AmerenUE's contact center. She said AmerenUE employees 155 agents who answer an average of 4 million calls per year, with an annual average speed of answer consistently under 60 seconds. She discussed the importance of technology being essential in helping AmerenUE to meet customer expectations. Ms. Spurbeck discussed the importance of customer service and customer satisfaction, and visited about the customer surveys used to continually measure that satisfaction.

Missouri Public Service Commission & Moldova Delegates Tour of Storm, Dispatch and Customer Contact Centers



September 20, 2010



- Welcome Warner Baxter
- AmerenUE Overview Warner Baxter
- Overview of Storm Center/Dispatch Operations Dave Wakeman
- Overview of Contact Center Sandi Spurbeck
- Contact Center Tour Sandi Spurbeck
- Close



AmerenUE Overview

- Regulated electric generation, transmission and distribution; gas distribution
- ~1.2 million electric and 127,000 gas customers
- ~36,000 Distribution and Transmission circuit miles
- ~10,500 MW generation
 - Low-cost 6,700 MW baseload coal-fired and nuclear fleet





AmerenUE's mission is to meet our customers' energy needs in a safe, reliable, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner.



Customer Operations Goals

- Maintain and strengthen the distribution grid and deploy advanced technologies to enhance reliability
- Deliver industry-leading customer service
- Partner with customers to provide information, knowledge and support
- Provide services in an efficient manner and at an affordable cost
- Become our customers' Trusted Energy Advisor



Energy Delivery Operations Drives Customer Service



Overview

Reliability

Smart Grid

- Distribution Automation
- Capacitor Bank Controls
- Smart Substation
- ADMS

Storm Response Operations



Distribution System Reliability

- Important part of customer service and customer satisfaction
- Requires significant investment to maintain and improve reliability
- Programs focus
 - Overall system reliability (SAIFI)
 - Eliminating repetitive outages to customers
 - Eliminating widespread outage (substation Level)
 - Reducing effects of severe weather



Reliability Programs

- Customers With 4 or More Outages Program
- Circuit and Device Inspection Program
- Circuit Performance Improvement Program
- Multiple Device Interruptions
- Tap Fusing
- Vegetation Management includes cycle trim and mid-cycle inspections
- Worst Performing Circuits
- Underground Cable Replacement
- Substation Reliability Initiatives
- Substation Maintenance Program Routine substation maintenance activities



Innovation

Smart Grid

- Distribution Automation
- Capacitor Bank Controls
- Smart Substation
- ADMS





Distribution Automation (DA)

Benefits customers by eliminating or reducing outages and improving system operations

DA is used to restore outages, gather load information and perform routine switching

Over 400 DA devices currently installed and operational





Pole Mounted Devices





Capacitor Control

- Benefits customer service by improving voltage control on the feeders and improving system efficiency
- Uses local data to optimize performance
- A radio system can turn on and off capacitor banks on distribution system





Smart Substations

- Benefits customers by using technology to improve reliability and reduce long term costs
- Employs solid state relays and advanced monitoring capabilities
- Provides additional information for capital management and operations
- Seize the opportunity when replacing aging infrastructure and building new stations



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Ameren Distribution Management System

New software system used in Distribution Control Offices

- Enabling technology for Smart Grid
- Outage management
- Network model and geographic/schematic map displays
- Advanced engineering and analytical applications
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
- Switching management





AmerenUE Storm Management

Restore customers safely and efficiently

- Quick response to events
- Coordinate with Emergency Organizations
- Advanced planning and preparation
- Continuous Improvement





Emergency Operations Key Components

- Emergency Operation Center
- Electric Emergency Response Plan
- Initial Damage Assessment/Rapid deployment capability
- Resources—linemen, vegetation management crews, field checkers, support
- Mobile Storm Trailers/Mobile Command Centers

Logistics—beds, meals, parking, laundry, showers, ice, water, security, etc.



Material Staging







Conclusion

- Customer service and satisfaction drive many of the programs and approaches used in Energy Delivery
- Safety and Reliability are key to success
- Automation and technology continue to help achieve out objectives



Questions?



Contact Center



Overview

- Averages 4 million calls per year
 - Annual Average Speed of Answer (ASA) consistently under 60 seconds
- Employs 155 agents (20 are home agents)
- Utilizes 20 agents through outsourcer
- Handles inbound calls (outage, billing and moves)
- Three specialty groups
 - Commercial, New Business and "Back Office"
- Strong focus on customer satisfaction



Operations

Technology rich, technology dependent

- Customer facing programs (Virtual Hold, internet)
- Operations supporting programs (recording, scheduling and forecasting)
- Built-in redundancy
 - Telephony sites in Decatur, IL and St. Louis
- Virtual operation
 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday
 - Emergency calls handled 24x7
- Capacity to process up to 80,000 calls per hour (agent, IVR and overflow)



When a customer contacts us...

- Uses internet for selfservice or calls
- Chooses option through Interactive Voice Response (IVR) application
 - Self-serve (outage order, account balance, pay bill)
 - Speak with agent







Agent uses a number of systems to handle request

- Call is recorded
 - Nearly all inbound calls to agents are recorded
 - Most recordings are voice only
 - Supervisors coach agents on several calls each month



Customer Satisfaction is a primary driver

- Measured through monthly surveys
 - Uses a 10 point scale
 - Year-to-date results for customers surveyed
 - Contact Center: 89% rate us 8, 9 or 10
 - Field: 93% rate us 8, 9 or 10



- Technology is essential as a tool in helping us meet customer expectations
- We are fortunate to have a well-trained, dedicated, caring frontline workforce
- Customer service and satisfaction continue to be primary drivers in nearly everything we do



Questions?



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic transmission, facsimile, U.S. Mail or e-mail to the following parties on this 22nd day of September, 2010:

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