

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3rd day of December, 1985.

CASE NO. ER-85-265

In the matter of Arkansas Power & Light Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, for authority to file tariffs increasing rates for electric service provided to customers in the Missouri service area of the Company.

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ORDER

By its Order of July 3, 1985, the Commission directed the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Public Counsel and Intervenors to file their direct testimony in this matter on December 16, 1985.

On October 28, 1985, the Staff filed its Motion For Extension Of Time to File Testimony And For Rescheduling Of Proceedings in which is requested an extension of time until January 24, 1986, for the purpose of filing testimony, and continuance of the hearing from February 24, 1986, to March 7, 1986. The Motion recites that the necessity arises from involvement of the Staff in numerous complex rate proceedings.

On November 7, 1985, the Company filed a response in which it objects to a revision of the procedural schedule under which it would have less than the presently authorized sixteen (16) days between the receipt of all other parties testimony and the commencement of the prehearing conference. The Company's response also states that absent a motion from other parties stating good cause for changing their filing dates the Company is not aware of any justification for moving those. Various other parties to the proceeding have filed pleadings stating that the same extension should

be granted to other parties who rely heavily on the Staff's evidence for the presentation of their cases.

The Commission, upon consideration of the various pleadings filed herein, is of the opinion that the Staff's request should be substantially granted, but evidentiary filings shall be scheduled to afford the Company the sixteen (16) days between receipt thereof and the prehearing conference, which is consistent with fairness.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED: 1. That the schedule of testimony filing and proceedings in this matter is hereby revised as follows:

Direct testimony of Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors in issues of rate design (including rate class allocations), jurisdictional allocations, and rate of return.

January 16, 1986

Direct testimony of Staff, Public Counsel and all Intervenors on all issues not designated above.

January 23, 1986

Prehearing Conference

February 10-19, 1986

Hearing

February 24-March 7, 1986

ORDERED: 2. That this Order shall become effective on the date hereof.  
BY THE COMMISSION

*Harvey G. Hubbs*

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Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Hendren and  
Fischer, CC., Concur.  
Musgrave and Mueller, CC.,  
Dissent.