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Prehearing Conference  
  
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Office of the Public Counsel,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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vs.	)	Case No. EC-2002-152
	)	
Union Electric Company,	)	
d/b/a AmerenUE,	)	
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Respondent.	)	

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KEVIN A. THOMPSON, Presiding,  
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY JUDGE.

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

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: We're here for a  
3 prehearing conference In the Matter of Case  
4 No. EC-2002-152, Office of the Public Counsel,  
5 Complainant versus Union Electric Company, doing  
6 business as AmerenUE, Respondent. This is the lead  
7 case of two consolidated cases. The other cases  
8 being, as I recall, GC-2002-153.

9 We'll go ahead and take entries of  
10 appearance. Why don't we start with Public  
11 Counsel.

12 MR. COFFMAN: John B. Coffman, appearing  
13 on behalf the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O.  
14 Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

15 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

16 How about the Company?

17 MR. BYRNE: Thomas M. Byrne, appearing on  
18 behalf of Union Electric Company, doing business as  
19 AmerenUE, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, that's  
20 C-h-o-u-t-e-a-u, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, sir.

22 Staff?

23 MR. FRANSON: Robert Franson,  
24 F-r-a-n-s-o-n, Associate General Counsel, P.O. Box  
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1 the Staff of the Public Service Commission.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Okay. I don't see that

3 we have anything pending here. Do the parties have

4 anything to bring to my attention at this time?

5 MR. BYRNE: No, your Honor.

6 MR. FRANSON: Your Honor?

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Mr. Franson?

8 MR. FRANSON: At this point in time I

9 wanted you to be aware, Staff is planning and has

10 advised the other parties, we will be taking a

11 position in this case. We don't feel it's

12 appropriate to go on, but we made that decision

13 because we hadn't been asked to do any reports or

14 investigations. And I was hoping you weren't

15 planning to ask us to do that, but I wanted to --

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: No, I wasn't.

17 MR. FRANSON: -- make you aware that we

18 would be taking a particular position, which will

19 become apparent at the appropriate time.

20 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. I appreciate

21 that. We often ask Staff to do an investigation in

22 a complaint case involving a consumer, but I think

23 that the parties in this case are amply able to

24 marshal the facts that they need for or against one

25 another. So we won't order an investigation unless

1     somebody moves that we do so, which it doesn't look  
2     like anybody is going to.

3             So your main purpose today then is to put  
4     together a procedural schedule. I hope you're not  
5     planning to have a hearing before April, because I  
6     don't think you will find any time on the calendar  
7     before April. We have a very busy -- very busy new  
8     year ahead of us in terms of hearings. Looks like  
9     the Commissioners will be in 310 all day every day  
10    pretty much. And I hope you will spend some time  
11    working on settlement. I know you are all  
12    reasonable and good intentioned human beings. I'm  
13    sure you can find some common ground if you look  
14    hard enough.

15            On that happy note, we will conclude the  
16    recorded portion of the prehearing conference.  
17    Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas. I'll see you-all  
18    another time.

19            WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of  
20    the prehearing conference was concluded.

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