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In the Matter of the Application)
of Union Electric Company (d/b/a)
AmerenUE) for an Order)Case No. EO-2001-684
Authorizing it to Withdraw from)
the Midwest ISO to Participate)
in the Alliance RTO)

BEFORE: NANCY DIPPELL, Presiding,
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: This is Case No. EO-2001-684,
3 in the matter of the application of Union Electric
4 Company, doing business as AmerenUE, for an order
5 authorizing it to withdraw from the Midwest ISO to
6 participate in the Alliance RTO.

7 I'd like to begin by taking oral entries of
8 appearances. The parties have made written entries, but
9 if you would just give me your name and the party that you
10 you're representing.

11 And we'll start with Union Electric Company.

12 MR. COOK: James J. Cook appearing on behalf of
13 AmerenUE.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Staff.

15 MR. FREY: Steven Dottheim and Dennis L. Frey
16 representing the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
17 Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri,
18 65102.

19 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Office of Public Counsel.

20 MR. COFFMAN: John B. Coffman on behalf of the
21 Office of the Public Counsel, P. O. Box 7800,
22 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

23 JUDGE DIPPELL: And is there someone for
24 Missouri Industrial Consumers?

25 No one is present.

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1 Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility
2 Commission?
3 MR. KINCHELOE: Yes. For the Electric Utility
4 Commission, Duncan Kincheloe, 2407 West Ash, Columbia,
5 Missouri, 65203.
6 JUDGE DIPPELL: And for the Doe Run Company?
7 Anyone?
8 Also, no one present for the Doe Run Company.
9 Missouri Energy Group.
10 MS. LANGENECKERT: Lisa Langeneckert appearing
11 on behalf of the Missouri Energy Group, Law Office of
12 Robert Johnson, 720 Olive Street, 24th Floor, St. Louis,
13 Missouri, 63101.
14 JUDGE DIPPELL: And is there anyone else
15 present that needs to make an oral entry of appearance?
16 Okay. Then this prehearing conference was set
17 to provide an opportunity to discuss and possibly resolve
18 the issues presented in this case, and for you to work on
19 your proposed procedural schedules which are supposed to
20 be submitted on August 7th.
21 Are there any pending matters that need to be
22 brought to the judge's attention?
23 All right.
24 Does anyone -- perhaps some of the intervenors
25 and Staff could answer this question.

1 I was just curious as to any thoughts on the
2 number of days for a hearing in this case or whether a
3 hearing is expected.
4 Mr. Dottheim.
5 MR. DOTTHEIM: I think at the moment a hearing
6 is expected.
7 Number of days, I would think no more than
8 three.
9 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay.
10 Ms. Langeneckert, does the Missouri Energy
11 Group -- where are you-all on your defining of the issues?
12 Do you have an idea at this time what major
13 issues the intervenors might have?
14 MS. LANGENECKERT: Our concern is about the
15 reliability of electric service in the area and also the
16 effect it will have on the rates for industrial customers,
17 as well as all customers.
18 JUDGE DIPPELL: And, Mr. Kincheloe, does --
19 MR. KINCHELOE: We're still working on our
20 sense of the issues and look forward to this morning's
21 discussion.
22 JUDGE DIPPELL: And does the Office of Public
23 Counsel know of any particular issues that it has at this
24 time?
25 MR. COFFMAN: I think there is going to be a

1 number of them, but we haven't had a chance yet -- there
2 have been -- the experts have had several discussions so
3 far, but I think we're looking forward to this meeting as
4 an opportunity to begin to narrow those.

5 The individuals that have been most deeply
6 involved are in another meeting, should be here shortly,
7 but I don't know that I could break down our concerns.

8 But we -- without getting into detail this
9 morning, we have a variety of concerns relating to the
10 operation of the Midwest ISO and the Alliance RTO and the
11 relationship between them and what this means for
12 ratepayers.

13 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I must say I'm
14 disappointed that two of our intervenors didn't find it
15 necessary to show up today. It's going to be difficult
16 for them to participate in this case, I would say, but I
17 hope that you will take this opportunity to at least
18 figure out what your issues are so that you can present
19 them efficiently and that you can define them in such a
20 way that the Commission and Judge Mills and each of the
21 other parties are able to respond sufficiently and so
22 forth.

23 So, again, the proposed procedural schedule I
24 think is ordered to be due on the 7th. And if no one has
25 anything further, I'll go ahead and go off the record.

1 Thank you. I can adjourn.
2 WHEREUPON, the Prehearing Conference was
3 concluded.
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