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13 Larry and Veronica Herzing,)
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15 Complainants,)
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17 vs.) Case No. EC-2002-409
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19 AmerenUE,)
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21 Respondent.)
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25 KENNARD L. JONES, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 JUDGE JONES: Good morning. This is
3 Case No. EC-2002-409 before the Missouri Public
4 Service Commission, Larry and Veronica Herzing,
5 Complainants, versus AmerenUE, Respondents. My
6 name is Kennard Jones. I am the presiding
7 Regulatory Law Judge.

8 Starting to my left, will you-all please
9 stand and introduce yourselves and give your
10 addresses, please?

11 MR. DOTTHEIM: Bruce Bates and Steven
12 Dottheim, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City,
13 Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of the Staff of
14 the Missouri Public Service Commission.

15 MS. KNOWLES: Susan Knowles on behalf of
16 Respondent, Union Electric Company, doing business
17 as AmerenUE, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, P.O. Box 66149,
18 Mail Code 1310, St. Louis, Missouri 63166.

19 JUDGE JONES: The record can show that
20 there is no one appearing for Public Counsel, nor
21 is there anyone appearing for Larry and Veronica
22 Herzing, Complainants.

23 Is there anything that needs to be
24 discussed prior to proceeding?

25 MR. DOTTHEIM: Nothing from the Staff.

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1 MS. KNOWLES: Nothing.

2 JUDGE JONES: After this complaint was
3 filed, the procedural schedule was agreed upon.
4 AmerenUE filed pleadings in accordance with that
5 procedural schedule. Larry and Veronica Herzing,
6 however, did not. When they missed the time, the
7 deadline for the filing of their pleading and the
8 order directing them to file something and to
9 statewide they had not filed in time it was issued
10 from the Commission, and no response was had from
11 the Herzings; however, AmerenUE did respond with a
12 motion to suspend the procedural schedule in light
13 of an agreement that was being reached between the
14 parties.

15 Soon thereafter, and correct me if I'm
16 wrong, Ms. Knowles, AmerenUE, in trying to effect
17 that stipulation, had difficulty getting signatures
18 from Complainants; is that true?

19 MS. KNOWLES: That is correct.

20 JUDGE JONES: And have you since spoken
21 with them?

22 MS. KNOWLES: No.

23 JUDGE JONES: Has anyone from Staff spoken
24 with them?

25 MR. DOTTHEIM: No. It's my understanding

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1 that Mr. Bates made an effort to contact the

2 Herzings, but has not received a response or spoken
3 with the Herzings.

4 JUDGE JONES: And to try to give the
5 Herzings a further opportunity to state their case,
6 this prehearing conference was set. The Herzings
7 have not appeared and are in default. In the order
8 setting this prehearing conference, the Herzings
9 were advised that their complaint would be
10 dismissed if they failed to appear, and they have
11 so failed.

12 Does anyone have anything they would like
13 to add?

14 MR. DOTTHEIM: Nothing from the Staff.

15 MS. KNOWLES: No, your Honor.

16 JUDGE JONES: Well, with that then, we
17 will conclude this prehearing conference.

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

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