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

2 JUDGE MILLS: We're here for two prehearing
3 conferences being held concurrently. The first one is
4 EO-2003-0081, which is in the matter of the application of
5 Kansas City Power & Light Company for approval of the
6 accrual and funding of Wolf Creek Generating Station's
7 decommissioning costs at current levels, and the second one
8 is EO-2003-0083, which is application of Union Electric
9 Company, d/b/a AmerenUE, for approval of decommissioning
10 cost estimate and funding level of Nuclear Decommissioning
11 Trust Fund.

12 We'll begin by taking entries of appearance,
13 starting over here on my left with the Staff.

14 MR. FREY: Okay. Thank you, Judge. In Case
15 EO-2003-0083, representing the Staff of the Missouri Public
16 Service Commission, Dennis L. Frey and Steve Dottheim, Post
17 Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

18 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you.

19 MR. BERLIN: Thank you, Judge. Representing
20 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,
21 Robert S. Berlin and Steve Dottheim in Case EO-2003-0081, in
22 the KCPL Wolf Creek decommissioning.

23 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you.

24 Mr. Fischer.

25 MR. FISCHER: Let the record reflect the

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1 appearance of James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority, PC,
2 101 Madison Street, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri
3 65101, appearing in the EO-2003-0081 docket for Kansas City
4 Power & Light Company.

5 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you.

6 Mr. Hennen?

7 MR. HENNEN: Thank you, your Honor. Appearing
8 on behalf of Union Electric Company, doing business as
9 AmerenUE, in Case No. EO-2003-0083, David Hennen, business
10 address 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

11 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you.

12 Mr. Micheel?

13 MR. MICHEEL: Appearing in both cases, John B.
14 Coffman and Douglas E. Micheel, appearing on behalf of the
15 Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City,
16 Missouri 65102-7800.

17 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. That's all the
18 parties I believe we have in both cases.

19 Does anybody have anything that they want to
20 take up on the record?

21 MR. HENNEN: No, your Honor.

22 JUDGE MILLS: Mr. Dottheim?

23 MR. DOTTHEIM: Yes. On behalf of the Staff,
24 assuming that the parties are able to reach agreement, the
25 Staff at this point filed pleadings suggesting that it would

1 file its recommendation in both cases on or before
2 December 6.

3 If the parties are able to reach agreement,
4 might the Bench have a preference as to how the parties
5 proceed?

6 That is, from the Staff's perspective it would
7 appear that the parties might proceed either by a
8 Stipulation & Agreement or, once the Staff submits its
9 recommendation, Union Electric Company and Kansas City
10 Power & Light Company, if they don't take issue with what
11 the Staff proposes, may make a filing so indicating that,
12 and it may as a consequence be clear that there are no
13 issues in the case.

14 In the past I believe the Staff has proceeded
15 by submitting testimony. There was a preference on the part
16 of the Staff to proceed by submitting a recommendation
17 instead of testimony. But I believe in the past the parties
18 have generally proceeded by submitting stipulations and
19 agreements.

20 JUDGE MILLS: And certainly, if you-all agree,
21 it's probably cleaner to file a Stipulation & Agreement
22 rather than a recommendation followed by a concurrence or a
23 nonobjection to that recommendation, but either of those
24 approaches works.

25 I suppose if it were up to me I would prefer

1 that you-all have a Stipulation & Agreement that all the
2 parties sign on to rather than have a recommendation
3 followed by a pleading from the company, but as I said, we
4 can do it either way.

5 MR. DOTTHEIM: Thank you.

6 JUDGE MILLS: Anything further? Okay. Yes,
7 Mr. Dottheim?

8 MR. DOTTHEIM: If the parties proceed by
9 Stipulation & Agreement, then presumably the Bench,
10 Commission would want suggestions in support from the Staff?

11 JUDGE MILLS: Most likely, yeah.

12 MR. DOTTHEIM: Thank you.

13 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. Anything further?

14 Let's go off the record then.

15 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
16 prehearing conference was concluded.

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