

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 14th day of
May, 2014.

Noranda Aluminum, Inc., et al.,)	
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Complainants,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. EC-2014-0224</u>
)	
Union Electric Company, d/b/a)	
Ameren Missouri)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 14, 2014

Effective Date: May 14, 2014

The procedural schedule established for this case includes an evidentiary hearing on June 16 and 17, 2014. On May 5, the Complainants filed a motion asking the Commission to move the hearing into the prior week of June 9 because of a scheduling conflict for its legal counsel. The Commission established 1:00 p.m. on May 9 as the deadline to respond to Ameren Missouri’s motion.

Ameren Missouri filed a response to the Complainants’ motion on May 7. Ameren Missouri opposes moving the hearing into the prior week because of its own conflicts, but would support moving the hearing into the subsequent week beginning on June 23.¹ The

¹ In her response, Ameren Missouri’s attorney remarked that “the Commission has already graciously moved the hearing dates to avoid a conflict for Ameren Missouri’s counsel.” While Ameren Missouri filed a motion to change the hearing dates because of counsel’s conflict a few days before the Commission modified the hearing dates, the Commission never ruled on that

Complainants replied on May 9, opposing Ameren Missouri's proposal to delay the hearing. Public Counsel responded on May 13 in support of the Complainants' motion.

The Commission has scheduled a hearing on this complaint at a time suitable for the Commission. It is unfortunate that the scheduled hearing date will create difficulties for one of the attorneys that will represent the Complainants. However, as has been amply demonstrated in this case, it is nearly impossible to choose a hearing date on short notice that will not inconvenience someone. In addition, the hearing dates proposed by the Complainants will conflict with the available dates for the local public hearings. The Commission will not modify the hearing schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion to modify procedural schedule is denied.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney, Hall,
and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

motion and instead moved the hearing dates because of a conflict with the Commission's own schedule.