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Application of Union Electric)
Company d/b/a AmerenUE for an Order)
Authorizing Applicant (if and to)
the Extent the Transaction)
Described Herein Would Constitute)
the Issuance of an Evidence of)
Indebtedness by Applicant under)
Sections 393.180 and 393.200, RSMo))
To Execute, Deliver and Perform the)Case No. EF-2006-0278
Agreements and Instruments)
Necessary to Assume a Lease and)
Related Documents Pertaining to the)
NRG Audrain Combustion Turbine)
Generator Facility Owned by Audrain)
County, Missouri, Which Was)
Constructed as part of a Revenue)
Bond Project under Chapter 100,)
RSMo.)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are
3 on the record. This is the prehearing
4 conference in Case No. EF-2006-0278 in the
5 matter of the Application of Union Electric
6 Company, doing business as AmerenUE.

7 I am Ron Pridgin, the regulatory law judge
8 assigned to reside over this case. This
9 prehearing conference is being held on January
10 19th, 2006, 10:00 in the morning in the
11 Commission's small hearing room in the Hotel
12 Governor Office Building.

13 I issued an order on December 30th setting
14 this prehearing conference at the request of
15 AmerenUE. I would like to get entries of
16 appearance from counsel, please, beginning with
17 Staff.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams and
19 Steven Dottheim, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
20 Missouri, 65102.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.
22 Mr. Williams, thank you. On behalf of
23 AmerenUE, please.

24 MR. LOWERY: James B. Lowery, Smith
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1 Columbia, Missouri, 65205, on behalf of
2 AmerenUE.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Lowery, thank
4 you. And I just asked if the Office of Public
5 Counsel were going to appear. Mr. Mills?

6 MR. MILLS: Lewis Mills, Post Office
7 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, on
8 behalf of the Office of Public Counsel and the
9 public.

10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Mills, thank you.
11 I do note that I have a pending application for
12 intervention from Missouri Joint Municipal
13 Electric Utility Commission, and I don't see
14 Mr. Kincheloe here. Is anyone here on behalf
15 of MJMEUC?

16 All right. With that, Mr. Lowery, I
17 believe that application was filed on January
18 12th. So by Commission rule, you have until
19 January 22nd to respond, of course, as do other
20 parties. But if any of the parties know right
21 now whether -- whether they consent or object,
22 you can let me know.

23 MR. LOWERY: Your Honor, I think the
24 22nd falls on Sunday.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Yes, it does.

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1 MR. LOWERY: So I believe we have
2 until the 23rd. So the company will be
3 opposing MJMEUC's intervention in the case, and
4 we intend to file our opposition. It probably
5 will be on the 23rd.

6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. That's
7 fine. I'll just await that -- that pleading
8 from you.

9 Are there any other matters that the
10 parties would like to bring to my attention?

11 MR. LOWERY: I don't think there are
12 any matters that probably need to be taken up
13 on the record this morning --

14 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right.

15 MR. LOWERY: -- that I'm aware of.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. If
17 there's nothing else, Mr. Lowery, I visited
18 with you in the hall. I just want to let the
19 parties know that -- that the Commission needs
20 this hearing room no later than 10:45. And so,
21 I mean, my on-the-record portion will be done
22 here in just a moment.

23 But if you need to visit beyond that time,
24 I'll -- I'll need to secure some place else for
25 you to visit. If you -- you know, once we go

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1 off the record, we can talk and see if we need
2 to find another room for you. I'll be glad to
3 help you. But if there's nothing further from
4 the parties? All right, then. Very good.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I think that's the
6 case.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right, then.
8 Very good. If that's the case, we will then go
9 off the record. That concludes the
10 on-the-record portion of the prehearing
11 conference in Case No. EF-2006-0278. Thank you
12 very much. We are off the record.

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