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STATE OF MISSOURI

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Jill Covington Beatty,)	
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	File No. EC-2017-0198
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Union Electric Company)	
d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)	
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Respondent.)	

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: Okay. So we can go ahead and
3 go on the record. This is Case No. EC-2017-0198, In the
4 Matter of Jill Covington Beatty, Complainant, vs. Union
5 Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri, Respondent.

6 My name is Nancy Dippell. I'm the Regulatory
7 Law Judge assigned to this matter. We've come here
8 today on August 24, 2017, and it is about 10:17. I have
9 established a conference phone line for the Complainant
10 to call in, and we have not been able to reach her with
11 the number on the complaint and she has not yet called
12 into the conference line, but we'll go ahead and take
13 entries of appearance and then we'll proceed. So let me
14 start with Staff.

15 MS. ASLIN: Casi Aslin for Commission Staff.
16 My address is PO Box 360, Jeff City, Missouri 65102, and
17 with me today from Consumer Services is Justin Edwards.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: And for Ameren?

19 MS. GIBONEY: For Ameren Missouri, I'm Sarah
20 Giboney. The court reporter has my contact information.
21 With me today is a representative from Ameren Missouri.
22 It's Cathy Hart.

23 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Is there anyone
24 present on the phone?

25 (No response.)

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: I have no one calling in.
2 Like I say, Staff informed me before this call that Ms.
3 Beatty had actually been in touch this morning about the
4 conference call and they had confirmed the phone
5 numbers. I have attempted to call in from another
6 phone, and the conference line seems to be working.

7 I have attempted to call her number and the
8 alternate number that she gave us and have been unable
9 to reach her with the alternate number being supposedly
10 a wrong number and her phone number giving us a busy
11 signal.

12 So at this point let me just ask if there is
13 any new information or other items that you all want to
14 address from Staff or Ameren?

15 MS. GIBONEY: No, Judge.

16 MS. ASLIN: No.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: So we do know that Ms. Beatty
18 is interested in this complaint, and I was hoping that
19 you all would get an opportunity to discuss it with her
20 and perhaps settle the issue. Do you think from your
21 discussions with her thus far that that will be
22 possible?

23 MS. GIBONEY: I don't believe so.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Is that Staff the way
25 you all don't see any actual settlement of this?

1 MR. EDWARDS: That's between Ameren and the
2 Complainant.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I shouldn't put you on
4 the spot. All right. Well, I guess since we haven't
5 heard from Ms. Beatty we will go ahead and conclude this
6 and I will rule on Ameren's motion to dismiss and --

7 Oh, hello.

8 MS. SHEMWELL: Hello. This is Public Counsel
9 appearing. I apologize for being late.

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Ms. Shemwell. We
11 got very excited because we were waiting for Ms. Beatty
12 to call in and she hasn't done so even though she's been
13 in contact earlier today with Staff. Have you had any
14 contact with Ms. Beatty?

15 MS. SHEMWELL: I have not in the last few
16 days. So I don't know what her plans were.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Well, we were just
18 about to wrap up unless you have something to add, Ms.
19 Shemwell, because we have been unable to get ahold of
20 her this morning. Do you have anything you want to add?

21 MS. SHEMWELL: I do not. She has not
22 expressed a desire for us to assist her in this case.

23 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Well, as I was saying
24 then, I will go ahead and rule on Ameren's motion and
25 will take it from there as to whether we need to go

1 ahead and set a hearing date.

2 MS. SHEMWELL: That sounds fine to me.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. If there's nothing
4 further then, we'll go ahead and go off the record.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. SHEMWELL: Thank you.

7 (Off the record.)

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