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Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, et al.,)) File No. EC-2016-0199
Complainants,)	
vs.)	
Union Electric Company, d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)	
Respondents.)	

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. We're here for a
3 prehe-- or a procedural conference in Case No. EC-2016-0199,
4 which is Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers versus Ameren
5 Missouri. We'll start today by taking entries of appearance
6 beginning with complainants.

7 MR. DOWNEY: Good morning, Judge. Edward Downey
8 on behalf of the complainants. The court reporter has my
9 contact information.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank you.
11 And for Ameren Missouri.

12 MR. LOWERY: Jim Lowery, Smith Lewis, LLP, P.O.
13 Box 918, Columbia, Missouri 65205 on behalf of Ameren Missouri.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff.

15 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Judge. Kevin Thompson
16 and Nicole Mers for the staff of the Missouri Public Service
17 Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Public Counsel.

19 MS. MAYFIELD: Cydney Mayfield for the Office of
20 the Public Counsel and I've also provided my information to the
21 court reporter ahead of time.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And is anyone here for Walmart?
23 United for Missouri?

24 MR. LINTON: Good morning, Your Honor. David
25 Linton on behalf of United for Missouri, 314 Romaine Spring

1 View, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone here for Consumers
3 Counsel?

4 For MECG?

5 MR. WOODSMALL: Thank you, Your Honor. David
6 Woodsmall on behalf of the MECG. The court reporter has my
7 contact information.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. I believe that's all the
9 parties. I really called you here today so we can discuss how
10 we want to proceed to hear this case, if we need to hear this
11 case. And I'm not making any judgments on that at this point.
12 Really, the way I normally do these things is give you a chance
13 to discuss and give me a proposed procedural schedule and that's
14 what I'll do again today. If you can give me a proposed
15 procedural schedule by a week from today, the 14th.

16 While we're here on the record, is there
17 anything anyone wants to bring up? Any discussions that you
18 want to occur on the record?

19 MR. DOWNEY: Judge?

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes.

21 MR. DOWNEY: On behalf of complainants, as you
22 know there was a motion to expedite this matter. We're
23 abandoning that motion to expedite obviously.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And apparently that's
25 from events that have occurred that Noranda is indicating that

1 they will be closing the plant is my understanding like next
2 week, I believe.

3 MR. DOWNEY: I heard that same thing, Your
4 Honor.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Does Ameren have any insight to
6 that?

7 MR. LOWERY: In terms of whether it's next week,
8 all that I know is there's -- the expectation is that it's going
9 to be in March some time. And I have not confirmed anything
10 about it being next week necessarily. That may be true, but I
11 just don't know.

12 MR. DOWNEY: And Judge, I will say Noranda has
13 traditionally been a part of the MIEC and I have represented
14 them. Not in this case, however.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes. And I know that Noranda
16 filed a -- actually they sent a letter to the commissioners that
17 the commissioners filed in the case indicating that they did not
18 wish to participate in this matter.

19 Anything else we need to discuss while we're on
20 the record?

21 All right. Then with that I will leave you to
22 your discussions. I've left the phone bridge open. When you're
23 done -- just in case anybody else comes on, you can have --
24 discuss this with them. Mr. Thompson, I'll assign you, when you
25 leave the room when you're done will you hang up the phone here

1 for me.

2 MR. THOMPSON: I'll take care of it, Judge.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. I'll leave you to
4 your discussions. The one-the-record portion of this proceeding
5 has ended.

6 (The hearing has concluded.)

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