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1	JUDGE BURTON: Let's go ahead and go on the
2	record in File Number E0-2017-0023 in the Matter of the
3	Second Prudence Review of Union Electric Company d/b/a
4	Ameren Missouri's Implementation of Energy Efficiency
5	Programs in Furtherance of Missouri Energy Efficiency
6	Investment Act.
7	At this time the Commission has set this
8	date and this time for a prehearing conference at the
9	request of Ameren Missouri.
10	I will ask the parties to enter their
11	appearance for the record.
12	I will start with you, Ms. Johnson.
13	MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor. Paul a
14	Johnson, Senior Corporate Counsel, appearing on behalf of
15	Ameren Missouri 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
16	63103.
17	JUDGE BURTON: On behalf of the staff of the
18	Missouri Public Service Commission?
19	MR. BERLIN: Bob Berlin, appearing on behalf
20	of the staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.
21	The Commission's office is at 200 Madison Street,
22	Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
23	JUDGE BURTON: Mr. Opitz.
24	MR. OPITZ: Thank you, Judge. Tim Opitz for
25	the Office of Public Counsel, PO Box 2230, Jefferson

1 City, Missouri 65102. 2 Mr. Antal. JUDGE BURTON: 3 MR. ANTAL: Thank you, Judge. Alex Antal for 4 the Missouri Division of Energy, 301 West High Street, 5 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. 6 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. I do not see any other 7 attorneys present. I don't believe that there's anyone 8 else who's participating over the phone, but I will give 9 them an opportunity to speak now or forever hold your 10 peace if you are. 11 All right. Hearing none, I'll go ahead and 12 proceed with you, Ms. Johnson. You requested the 13 prehearing conference. And I was able to resolve some 14 issues with my computer, so I can at least look at dates. 15 And just so the record can reflect, Ms. Johnson is 16 participating telephonically in this hearing. 17 What sort of time frame are the parties 18 consi deri ng? 19 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm 20 going to admit that just because of timing and my 21 obligation at other places, I haven't had a chance to run 22 this past everyone else yet. 23 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. 24 MS. JOHNSON: I think just because of the 25 rate case hearing and the fact that we would like to try

1	to continue to work with the parties to towards
2	resolution to ultimately avoid a hearing, I think we'd
3	like to suggest a hearing date probably in late May.
4	That will get us past the obligation I know we all have
5	with regard to a lot of rate cases going on, and
6	hopefully it will give us time to sit down and just try
7	to work through things so that we can avoid a hearing
8	al together.
9	JUDGE BURTON: All right. Any thoughts from
10	the other parties on that?
11	I'm sure you can hear the shaking of the
12	head, Ms. Johnson.
13	MS. JOHNSON: I could. So we're going to
14	attach those to people for future hearings, if that's all
15	right with all right with everyone.
16	JUDGE BURTON: I don't I'm looking at the
17	calendar for the Commission and the hearing schedule.
18	Right now I don't see anything that's going to be a
19	conflict for the last few weeks of May.
20	What I would ask, though, is if the parties
21	are going to get together for a proposed procedural
22	schedule, also incorporate the first week or two of June,
23	since I know conflicts will certainly arise with the
24	commissioners' schedules around the holidays and with the
25	parties. So please include that, if you're going to be

submitting available dates for the Commission. 1 2 And I'm assuming that we're just looking at 3 one day for a hearing? 4 MS. JOHNSON: I personally think it would 5 take one day for a hearing, Your Honor, yes. 6 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Are we thinking we will 7 need a full round for submitting testimony as well? 8 Because obviously we're looking at what, the end of 9 February, beginning of March, for the actual general rate 10 hearing, which might push those out to the end of March, 11 beginning of April. 12 MS. JOHNSON: Your Honor, if the other 13 parties are agreeable to it, I think a simultaneous round 14 of direct and a simultaneous round of rebuttal should be 15 sufficient to develop the record that we need to develop 16 for this. 17 MR. BERLIN: Staff has no objection to that. 18 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Then let's look at a 19 round of direct and rebuttal for all parties. Do we also 20 think we need to include some dates for discovery conferences? 21 22 MS. JOHNSON: Probably couldn't hurt to 23 reserve one just in case. But I do know we've already 24 done a fair amount of discovery just getting to this 25 point. So I'm hopeful just one conference towards --

1 kind of getting towards the hearing date would be 2 suffi ci ent. But I am very much open to suggestion from 3 the other parties on that. 4 JUDGE BURTON: Mr. Berlin is conferring. 5 MR. BERLIN: Well, Judge, this is the first 6 time we've gone down this road with regard to a MEEIA 7 prudence hearing. We've already submitted a verified 8 report, and so staff is of the opinion that could 9 constitute as its direct case. 10 JUDGE BURTON: What I would suggest in that 11 situation -- we're still going to be looking at a time 12 frame for testimony from Ameren Missouri -- if they want 13 to, we can consider that rebuttal testimony and then just 14 have a round of surrebuttal. 15 MR. BERLIN: I think that's preferable. 16 JUDGE BURTON: Ms. Johnson, what are your 17 thoughts on that? 18 MS. JOHNSON: I think we -- I think we would 19 be all right with that. I do understand, since it is 20 staff's report and ultimately in their bailiwick with 21 that, I think we can agree to that. 22 JUDGE BURTON: Okay. And are the current 23 data request response times sufficient? Obviously we're 24 looking at something that's not going to run till May or 25 so and that some of these issues might have already been

addressed as far as staff's report. I didn't know if you need to limit the time for data requests as we get closer to May. But if the parties think that the standard time frame is fine, we can keep that.

MS. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I think that the standard would be just fine. As we got like within a couple of weeks of the hearing, maybe we'll shorten it at that time. But, otherwise, we see no reason to shorten it from the onset.

JUDGE BURTON: Okay. I would suggest, if we're trying to look tentatively for the time frame of sometime in the week of the 22nd through the 26th of May -- I'm merely just throwing this out as a proposed date just to give the parties an idea -- I would like to have a list of issues and position statements far enough in advance that the Commission and the judge will have an opportunity to review and assess before the hearing.

So, for instance, in this situation allowing time for the commissioners to evaluate it before an agenda, I would say let's try to get the list of issues and position statements out at least two weeks before any hearing date. Because I would have the parties work on a proposed procedural schedule, so please bear that in mind.

MS. JOHNSON: Okay. That sounds reasonable,

1	Your Honor.
2	JUDGE BURTON: All right. The rest I'm
3	assuming can be handled without my presence. But is
4	there anything else that needs to be addressed while we
5	are still on the record or any kind of discussions that
6	need to occur when we're evaluating the Commission's
7	cal endar and schedul es?
8	MS. JOHNSON: I don't believe so, Your Honor,
9	not from our end.
10	JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Nothing from staff?
11	MR. BERLIN: Nothing, Judge. Thank you.
12	MR. OPITZ: Nothing from Public Counsel,
13	Judge.
14	JUDGE BURTON: I saw you looking, Opitz, as
15	if you were thinking something. So
16	Okay. And, Mr. Antal, sitting in the back
17	pondering but without a comment.
18	MR. ANTAL: Nothing from DEED.
19	JUDGE BURTON: Nothing from DEED. Okay then.
20	All right. How about, looking at today, do
21	you think it would be possible to go ahead and just give
22	me a proposed procedural schedule in a week,
23	February 1st? This isn't an adamant time frame in my
24	mind. I just wanted to kind of get an idea of when to
25	expect it.

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1	MS. JOHNSON: Your Honor, I don't think that
2	should be an issue. So I think we should be able to do
3	that.
4	JUDGE BURTON: Okay. Mr. Berlin?
5	MR. BERLIN: Are we talking about
6	February 1st, Judge?
7	JUDGE BURTON: Yes.
8	MR. BERLIN: I would suggest I would
9	suggest, you know, February 3rd.
10	JUDGE BURTON: That's fine.
11	Okay. Then I will be looking forward to what
12	will hopefully be a joint proposed procedural schedule by
13	February 3rd.
14	And unless I hear otherwise, that will
15	conclude today's prehearing conference.
16	And, Ms. Johnson, we will keep the line open
17	for any discussions.
18	And we are now off the record.
19	(Off the record.)
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