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TRUE-UP OF UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI's FUEL, etc.

EO-2022-0027; ER-2022-0026, VOL. I

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2 JUDGE DIPPELL: We can go ahead and go on the
3 record. This is File Nos. EO-2022-0027 and
4 ER-2022-0026, In the Matter of the True-Up of Union
5 Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Fuel Adjustment
6 Clause for the 34th Recovery Period and In the Matter of
7 the Adjustment of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren
8 Missouri's Fuel Adjustment Clause for the 37th
9 Accumulation Period.

10 My name is Nancy Dippell, and I'm the
11 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter or both of
12 these cases as the case may be. Can you all still hear
13 me just fine?

14 MR. LOWERY: Yes.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: We're meeting today for a
16 quick procedural conference teleconference on WebEx and
17 the telephone so that we could just discuss a few
18 procedural matters. I want to make sure, because these
19 cases have such a short time frame, a 60-day timeline
20 for the Commission and they've already been delayed, I
21 wanted to make sure that I understood what was going to
22 be needed from the Commission.

23 And mainly I called you all here on kind of
24 last minute. First, I guess I'll let you go ahead and
25 make entries of appearance, I'm sorry, because not all

1 of the parties are here today, but that was to be
2 expected. Let's begin then with Mr. Lowery?

3 MR. LOWERY: Thank you, Judge. Jim Lowery
4 appearing on behalf of Ameren Missouri. My information
5 is a part of the record.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Mr. Poston?

7 MR. POSTON: I'm Marc Poston for Office of the
8 Public Counsel.

9 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Ms. Aslin?

10 MS. ASLIN: Casi Aslin for Commission Staff.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you. And I don't see --
12 There's not any other of the intervenors on the line
13 this morning. Like I say, that was to be expected. I
14 really just wanted to discuss mainly my concern is that
15 all of the pleadings have discussed Staff and Ameren
16 having discussions, but I'm not a hundred percent sure
17 that OPC is on board with those discussions.

18 So Mr. Poston, you drew the short straw this
19 morning having to show up. Do you know that at this
20 point whether OPC is going to have any objection to what
21 Ameren and Staff have filed as a stipulation?

22 MR. POSTON: No, we do not have any issues.
23 We're not going to oppose it. So yeah, we're fine with
24 it.

25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. That's good to hear.

1 Okay. Well, in that case, I set a shortened deadline
2 for responses. And if those responses don't come in,
3 then I would expect to see an order on next week's
4 agenda regarding the Stipulation and Agreement. My
5 reason for shortening those times, and so forth, like I
6 say, was so that the Commission's order could have at
7 least a 10-day effective date.

8 So that just leaves the issue of the tariffs,
9 because there were basically substitute tariff sheets
10 attached to the stipulation but those have not been
11 filed as substitute tariffs. And at some point in order
12 for the substitute to become effective instead of what
13 has previously been filed, I'm going to need Ameren to
14 file those as a substitute.

15 MR. LOWERY: Judge, this is Jim Lowery. My
16 thought was on the assumption that, and I appreciate
17 Mr. Poston indicating today that OPC is not going to
18 object, my assumption was that the Commission, I don't
19 see why they wouldn't approve the stipulation but
20 obviously they have to make that decision. Upon them
21 doing that, we would submit it's just one tariff sheet.
22 We'd submit that tariff sheet as a substitute.

23 Literally we can do it almost momentarily after its
24 completion -- I mean, the Commission also could -- We
25 could file the tariff sheet and they could let it take

1 effect by operation of law, too. They don't have --

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Lowery, you're
3 cutting out.

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: You're cutting out a little
5 bit, Mr. Lowery.

6 MR. LOWERY: What I was saying, Judge, was my
7 assumption is the Commission, like I said, I appreciate
8 Mr. Poston indicating OPC is not going to object, if the
9 Commission would approve that stipulation, we can then
10 immediately submit it as a substitute tariff sheet.
11 It's just the one sheet. Even if the Commission didn't
12 issue an order approving the tariff per se, it could go
13 in effect by operation of law. It's however
14 logistically suits you, Judge, but that was my thought
15 that we would immediately submit it as a substitute
16 tariff sheet upon approval of the stipulation.

17 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I just wanted to make
18 sure that we were all on the same page with regard to
19 that. So if the Commission does approve the Stipulation
20 and Agreement, there will probably be a line that a
21 tariff filing is expected and it will just be allowed to
22 go into effect by operation of law then if, like I say,
23 there are no objections and the Commission does approve
24 it and there is an order on Wednesday's agenda. But
25 that would be how I would expect things to move along.

1 So I'm sorry to call you all in on a Friday
2 morning, but that's really what I needed to say and it
3 was just easier to do by phone than it was back and
4 forth with filings. So does anyone else have anything
5 that needs to be brought to my attention? All right.

6 MR. LOWERY: Nothing, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE DIPPELL: Again, I appreciate you all
8 coming. I appreciate the court reporter coming on last
9 minute. Did somebody just join us or did somebody leave
10 us?

11 THE COURT REPORTER: That was Jackie.

12 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Well, then again I
13 appreciate you all coming and I guess that's all we
14 need. We can go ahead and go off the record.

15 MR. LOWERY: Thank you, Judge.

16 (Off the record.)

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