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3	IN THE MATTER OF :	
4	BRETT FELBER, : FILE NUMBER	
5	Complainant, : EC-2023-0395	
6	vs. :	
7	UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, :	
8	d/b/a AMEREN MISSOURI, :	
9	Respondent. :	
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12	PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE HEARING VIA WEBEX	
13	THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023	
14	1:28 PM to 2:18 PM CST	
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16	(Present: Regulatory Law Judge John Clark, Emily	
17	Walthers, Jermaine Grubbs, Jeff Keevil, Sarah	
18	Fontaine, Kayla Kliethermes, Brett Felber, Eric	
19	Kendall Banks, Tyron Thomason, Aubrey Krcmar,	
20	Contessa King, and Kim Bolin.)	
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## PROCEEDINGS

2	JUDGE JOHN CLARK: Let's go on the record.
3	We have a court reporter here, Melody Stephenson.
4	She is taking down everything said today that will
5	be in a transcript that will be posted to EFIS so
6	that everybody will have access to it.
7	My name is John Clark. I'm the regulatory
8	law judge overseeing this matter today. Today's
9	date is July 6, 2023, and the current time is
10	1:28 PM. I'm conducting this procedural
11	conference via Webex.
12	The Commission has set aside this time for
13	a procedural conference in the case captioned as
14	Brett Felber, Complainant, vs. Union Electric
15	Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri,
16	Respondent, and that is File Number EC-2023-0395.
17	I'm going to begin by asking the attorneys
18	for the parties and for the parties themselves to
19	enter their appearance for the record.
20	Mr. Felber, I'll start with you. You're
21	not represented; correct?
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MR. FELBER: Correct.

JUDGE CLARK: You're representing

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MR. FELBER: Yes, sir.



1	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. And you are here. I
2	will note that for the record.
3	On behalf of Ameren Missouri?
4	MR. BANKS: Eric Kendall Banks, Banks Law
5	LLC, 1824 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
6	63103, appearing on behalf of Ameren Missouri.
7	JUDGE CLARK: And I also see Jermaine
8	Grubbs. Is she also present on behalf of Ameren
9	Missouri today?
10	MS. GRUBBS: Yes, Your Honor. Jermaine
11	Grubbs, and my business address is 1901 Chouteau
12	Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri. The ZIP is 63103.
13	JUDGE CLARK: Thank you so much.
14	Is there anyone present from the Office of
15	the Public Counsel? I hear no one.
16	Are there any counsel for any parties that
17	I have missed?
18	MR. KEEVIL: Yeah, Judge. Staff of the
19	Commission. Appearing on behalf of the Staff,
20	Jeff Keevil. My address is 200 Madison Street, PO
21	Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, phone
22	number is (573) 526-4887.
23	JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Keevil. I'm
24	sorry. I had Staff written down, but, apparently,
25	I skipped right over that. All right. I've



1	called this procedural conference today because
2	there was a Complaint filed by Mr. Felber. Ameren
3	filed its Answer, I believe, last Monday. I could
4	be incorrect on that. I haven't got it right in
5	front of me.
6	And with those two things down, generally,
7	before we have an evidentiary hearing, the only
8	thing we wait on is a Staff report where the Staff
9	conducts an investigation and files a report.
LO	And so I thought I would start by
L1	asking I have that Staff report as being due
L2	July 24th, 2023.
L3	Mr. Keevil, is there any chance of
L4	expediting that Staff report?
L5	MR. KEEVIL: Not useful expedition, Judge.
L6	There have been numerous data requests, primarily,
L7	from Staff to Ameren. We have received all of
L8	Ameren's responses as of a couple of days ago. So
L9	that you know, that's not a problem.
20	But there's a lot of information that our
21	Consumer Experience Department personnel, who is
22	doing the review on this, has to go through.
23	You've seen the number of documents that
24	Mr. Felber has filed to give you some idea of the

amount of documentation out there.

1	There's hundreds of phone calls that
2	they're attempting to go through and numerous
3	other responses, and we've been planning on
4	July 24th. We don't think at this point, we
5	don't think we'll need the extension, but we were
6	planning on July 24th until, I guess, Friday when
7	you issued your first notice that you might bump
8	that up.
9	And, frankly, we don't see how we can
LO	really do that, at least I mean, we might be
L1	able to I think it's due on a Monday. We might
L2	be able to bump it up to the preceding Friday,
L3	but, I mean, that's not enough to help you,
L4	really.
L5	One thing too that I might mention at this
L6	point, because it's, obviously, relevant, back on
L7	June 5th, we sent five data requests to
L8	Mr. Felber, none of which have been answered as of
L9	today.
20	And in one of the filings he made as of
21	June I believe, it was June 25th or June 26th.
22	It was a it held a notice to what was it?
23	It was item number 76. One thing called the

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letters in the Commission of -- he, basically --

as I understood it -- I wanted to ask him or have

1	you ask him. As I understood this letter, he's
2	going through several different reasons here for
3	his current position and third of the position
4	says, "Third, the Commission sent me a request for
5	data requests to send information within 20 days.
6	I believe what is on file with the Commission as
7	of now is a compelling amount of evidence that
8	shows Ameren is wrong."
9	And he goes on and then he says, "If I
10	send any evidence to the Commission Staff, it will
11	take the ongoing Complaint process that is ongoing
12	with the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the
13	Attorney General's Office."
14	And, basically, the way I understood this
15	letter or this portion of the letter was that he
16	doesn't intend to respond to the five-day requests
17	that were submitted on June 5th. And that,

1' 18 obviously, is going to be a problem too in terms of doing the Staff investigation if we're not 19

20 getting responses from the Complainant.

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So all that said, like I said, I don't think we'll need to move the date up from July 24th but, really, frankly need to keep it where it is currently on July 24th.

> JUDGE CLARK: I'll accept that. Thank



1	you. All right. So assuming that it's going to
2	be the 24th for the Staff report.
3	And, Mr. Keevil, I'm just going to let you
4	know right now, unless there's really a compelling
5	reason to do so, I'm going to be reluctant to
6	grant any continuance on a Staff report.
7	Obviously, if there's a change in
8	circumstances, I'll reconsider that, but,
9	otherwise, I'm going to be reluctant to as I want
10	to give Mr. Felber his hearing as quickly as
11	possible.
12	MR. FELBER: Thank you.
13	MR. KEEVIL: Yeah. And, like I said,
14	Judge, I do not anticipate requesting an extension
15	at least not at this time.
16	JUDGE CLARK: But I'll address the DRs in
17	just a minute with Mr. Felber and then talk about
18	potential remedies to that situation. So let's go
19	on to the next I have a number of bullet points
20	here I wanted to address.
21	Given that it is given that I won't
22	have a Staff report until July 24th and I'm not

Given that it is -- given that I won't have a Staff report until July 24th and I'm not going to do an evidentiary hearing prior to a Staff report, in my mind that I have a hearing already scheduled for the 24th and 25th or 25th

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1 and 26th. I don't remember which. I think we're 2 looking at August as possibly the earliest date 3 that we can have a hearing. 4 Mr. Felber, what's your availability for 5 an August hearing? 6 MR. FELBER: I'm -- I'm available. So any 7 date, Your Honor, that works best for you guys 8 works best for me. 9 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. 10 Staff, do you have any conflicts with an 11 August hearing? 12 Judge, I personally will make MR. KEEVIL: 13 any date noticed work, except -- no. Wait. 14 You're -- I'm thinking July. Any date noticed 15 right now, I can make work; however, I do need to 16 confer with my witnesses who are doing the actual 17 investigation and filing the report. Ms. Fontaine I noticed was on earlier. 18 19 Sarah, do you have any conflicts in 20 August for the hearing? 21 MS. FONTAINE: I may have -- August 16th 2.2 or the 18th may be a little difficult for me, but, 23 otherwise, should be available. 24 JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Fontaine, would you

identify yourself for the record, your name and

- 1 position?
- MS. FONTAINE: Sure. It's Sarah Fontaine,
- 3 and I am a research data analyst with the Customer
- 4 Experience Department with Staff.
- 5 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Currently, the
- 6 | commissioners will be out of town from the 6th
- 7 | through the 9th of August for -- is that correct?
- 8 | Yeah. The 6th to 9th of August for the MARC
- 9 | conference, which I believe is now state
- 10 | conference.
- 11 And then it looks like there is a hearing
- 12 | scheduled to go -- one, two, three, four, five,
- 13 | six -- from the 10th to the 17th. So I'm
- 14 | thinking -- right now, I'm thinking of a hearing
- 15 date of the 21st.
- 16 MR. BANKS: Your Honor, if I may, Ameren
- 17 | Missouri requested a hearing date in early
- 18 | September. A lot of the data requests, which
- 19 | we're planning on sending Mr. Felber, will be
- 20 | contingent upon the report that's going to be
- 21 | filed by Staff.
- 22 | Time is not of the essence. Mr. Felber
- 23 | has represented that he doesn't even live in
- 24 St. Louis anymore. He lives in Kansas.
- 25 MR. FELBER: Doesn't matter.

1	MR. BANKS: And his most recent report
2	that he filed, his Motion for Temporary
3	Restraining Order, he said that the electricity to
4	his premises, which is being supplied by a
5	generator. So while we realize it's good to get
6	things resolved as expeditiously as possible, time
7	is not of the essence in this matter.
8	MR. FELBER: Time is of
9	JUDGE CLARK: I think Mr. Felber would
10	disagree with you.
11	MR. FELBER: Time of essence is a matter.
12	Sorry, Your Honor.
13	JUDGE CLARK: When I'm talking, nobody
14	else should be talking.
15	MR. FELBER: Okay.
16	JUDGE CLARK: And, Mr. Felber, I'm going
17	to give you an opportunity to speak.
18	MR. FELBER: Time of the essence is the
19	matter. It doesn't matter where everybody lives
20	is first and foremost. The property is owned by
21	my parents. So, yes, electric can should be
22	allowed to be able to be on in the property.
23	For him to say it's not time of the
24	essence, he's enjoyed being able to harass me for



the last month and a half, sent people out to

damage my property. He sent another
representative that bolted before I called the
cops on him this morning, and my neighbors were
about ready to call the cops on him because it was
mere harassment.

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The services were already off, so there was no reason for them to be here. They can check the meter. The only reason that Ameren should even be here is if they're going to go ahead and restore services.

This guy has a Complaint in with the Attorney General's Office that he has not responded to. Neither has Ms. Engelbrecht. She's part of the Complaint. They're upset because I filed the Complaint with the AG's office.

Next week, I'm sitting down with the Dallas County Sheriffs Department to go ahead and talk about the credit card fraud. And I'm going to plan to present that to Dallas County on him, because at this point, it's criminalizing to me. It's criminalizing. It doesn't matter wherever I live.

The fact is they're doing criminalized acts every day on this, and he's gotten away with it at the expense. I'm tired of the harassment

and I'm sorry if I'm upset and I'm sorry if I haven't sent those requests off; however, I do have ongoing investigations with other parties that Mr. Banks has not responded to, which he fails to clarify and articulate with.

Yes, he hasn't responded to those and everything. I've given him a chance to go ahead. I haven't had him served on the one lawsuit because I've tried to give him a chance to go ahead and rectify matters.

Instead of rectifying matters, he's gone ahead and he's done more harassment by sending a technician out by saying, "Oh, well, we need to check the meter." You know the meter's off.

So there's no reason for you to send a representative out here to harass me in person. I can be back freely. I have businesses in multiple states. There's no law that says I can't have a business here and I can't go back and forth between properties.

And I would believe that him trying to push it off is just another extreme scapegoat of trying to get away with more corrupt acts and further acts of everything.

Maybe he should respond to the AG's report

1	and the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's report before
2	making his bold assertions. If anybody's made
3	anything illegal, it's been him. He's made false
4	accusations all the way across the board.
5	QUESTIONING OF MR. FELBER
6	BY JUDGE CLARK:
7	Q Okay. Mr. Felber, there was a lot to
8	digest there, but I'm going to go through it kind
9	of sequentially as much as I can. First off, I'm
10	going to note I'm going to take it,
11	essentially, you object to a hearing date in
12	September is what I'm going to take from that.
13	A Yes.
14	Q Number 2, I'm not going to address
15	proceedings in any other court or any other
16	jurisdiction or any disciplinary counsel stuff.
17	That's not that's not my jurisdiction. So
18	whether or not he's responded to stuff in other
19	courts or other jurisdictions has nothing to do
20	with here.
21	Finally, Mr. Banks and Ms. Grubbs are
22	counsel. They are not Ameren Missouri. I don't
23	believe they are sending anybody out. I believe
24	the company may be doing that, but I do not

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believe that Mr. Banks or Ms. Grubbs are.

Page 14 1 are merely attorneys for the company, one of them 2 in an outside hired capacity. So he has even less 3 ability to relay to Ameren what they should do or 4 what they -- they will do. 5 In regard to an evidentiary hearing date, I will -- it is very apparent to me that --6 7 Mr. Felber, that you and Ameren's counsel are not 8 getting along. Do you have any problems 9 communicating with Staff counsel? 10 Α Me? 11 0 Yes. 12 What, your guy's Staff counsel? I've had

no problems. I've even tried to -- I've tried to set up an arrangement with them. I've been told no and --

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Okay. You're -- you're going the direction -- I just want to address one thing at a time, and I know you want to jump ahead. But if you have no problems talking with Staff, I would like Staff to work as an intermediary in this capacity. And I'm -- I'm going to explain it. I don't know if it's been explained before.

Staff is a party in front of me. I do not communicate with Staff in any manner other than how I would communicate with any other party.



1	That means if I email Staff, I include all parties
2	on that email. But, generally, my communications
3	with Staff, like my communications with other
4	parties, are through orders and notices that I
5	issue.
6	So Staff is a party, like any other party
7	in this. They just have a slightly different
8	interest than the other parties. In that regard,
9	I would like to have a hearing on August 21st, if
10	at all possible, and it may not be.
11	But, Staff, I would like you to see if you
12	can come up with a procedural schedule by
13	communicating with Mr. Felber and Ameren Missouri
14	and see if you can work out a procedural schedule
15	that is mutually agreeable to to everyone
16	without having to have Ameren and Mr. Felber
17	interact with each other. Would that be possible?
18	MR. KEEVIL: Well, I can we can we
19	can try.
20	JUDGE CLARK: Well, that's all I'm asking.
21	MR. KEEVIL: Since you went beyond the
22	hearing a little bit there and said "procedural
23	schedule," I would assume you're not looking for
24	pre-filed testimony being based on the somewhat

abbreviated time between your Staff report and

1	your your requested hearing or your purported
2	hearing date there. And I'm assuming well, I
3	guess I shouldn't assume beyond that. What
4	what consumer complaints are a slightly
5	different type of proceeding, as you know, than
6	other proceedings here. And sometimes, they're
7	handled less formally than other proceedings with
8	a less drawn out or I shouldn't say drawn out,
9	that assumes fact, but fewer fewer procedural
10	steps along the way in the in the procedural
11	schedule. What are you envisioning being in a
12	procedure
13	JUDGE CLARK: I've got somebody whose
14	microphone is on, and I've got audio coming
15	through that shouldn't otherwise be coming on.
16	Mr. Keevil
17	MR. KEEVIL: Yes. Thank you, Judge.
18	JUDGE CLARK: you are usually good at
19	getting ahead of me and anticipating what I'm
20	going to go on to next. And as usual, you managed
21	to do that. In regards to a procedural schedule,
22	I'm going to ask a few questions.
23	Mr. Felber, would it be your preference to
24	conduct an evidentiary hearing in person, or would

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it be your preference to conduct an evidentiary

1	hearing via Webex?
2	MR. FELBER: Webex is fine.
3	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. That does make it a
4	little bit easier to facilitate everybody since
5	everybody doesn't have to show up to the same
6	location at the same time.
7	Mr. Keevil, the Commission can dispense
8	with pre-filed testimony when it wants to for
9	certain cases. I think this is an appropriate
10	case to dispense with pre-filed testimony. So I'm
11	not going to be ordering pre-filed testimony as
12	part of any as a part of any procedural
13	schedule; however, I do understand that Ameren has
14	discovery that they want to continue to conduct.
15	Maybe it would be possible and I'm just
16	going to put this out here that that there's
17	a time between the 21st of August and
18	September that would be agreeable to the parties.
19	Maybe the last week of August would work.
20	FURTHER QUESTIONING OF MR. FELBER
21	QUESTIONS BY JUDGE CLARK:
22	Q But, certainly, a lot of this is dependent
23	upon you, Mr. Felber. You're going to be
24	receiving data requests. It appears that you've

received data requests from Staff, and at least

it's Staff's understanding right now that you do not intend to respond to those data requests. Is that correct?

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A For further clarification, I do want to respond to it. My biggest thing, as far as off of it is like I said earlier. With outside parties, I don't want it to taint anything that jeopardizes. So my question is if I send it in to Staff, the meeting -- like, if I send it in, the audio, pictures and everything, that doesn't go to him immediately; correct? Because that would then taint anything that I have ongoing with other parties. I just want to make sure --

Q You mean in other cases or in other jurisdictions; correct?

A Correct. Yes. So for, like, an example, a couple of them, I have made other outside jurisdictions aware of it, and that is stuff -- I just want to make sure that Ameren doesn't get a copy of it immediately, because at this point, they've had their chance, and they've blown it all. I want to make sure --

Q Well, I can't guarantee that. The other party has a right to discovery, and every party has a right to kind of see what everybody is doing



in regard to that so the parties get a chance to issue data requests to each other.

A Okay.

Q And if you choose not to answer those data requests, then Staff, if it's Staff's data request, or Ameren, if it's Ameren's data request, can request an immediate phone conference with me to explain their position as to why those data requests should be answered. And if I agree, that is one step in the process that would allow them or permit them to file a Motion to Compel --

A Okay.

Q -- you to answer discovery requests. And based upon that motion, I would -- I would do an order and put it before the Commission for the Commission to determine. But you can't -- you can't play hide the ball is what I'm getting to with an evidentiary hearing. You can't keep something behind your back and bring it to a evidentiary hearing and go, aha. That's not --

A -- how it works.

Q That may happen on TV, but that's not real life.

A If the Staff is willing to give me ten days to go ahead and get it into them, I will



1 certify it to them. I have over 100 phone calls 2 between -- on all the data requests, there's a lot 3 of information. So I have it on a hard drive that 4 I'll send -- as long as they're willing to give me 5 ten more days, that would be no later than the 16th of July, I'll have that sent in to them. 6 7 JUDGE CLARK: Staff, that seems 8 reasonable. Is that agreeable? I will tell you 9 if you get it to them on the 16th, they may not 10 make that 24th date for their report. 11 MR. KEEVIL: That's what I was going to 12 say, Judge. That allows eight days to review 13 whatever Mr. Felber sends, plus prepare the report 14 and file it. So I don't -- I don't know that -- I 15 mean, I can't --16 JUDGE CLARK: Actually, Mr. Keevil, that 17 would give you five days, because if it were filed on the 16th, which is a Sunday, and if the 18 19 report's due on Monday the 24th, it really only 20 gives you those five working days of the 17th, 21 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. 22 MR. KEEVIL: That's correct, Judge. 23 Thanks. 24 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, if that's the 25 case -- if discovery -- if Staff receives

1	discovery late and needs to file a request for a
2	continuance or an extension to processing that
3	discovery, I will certainly give that appropriate
4	consideration at the time.
5	Mr. Felber, that would encourage you to,
6	if possible, get the DRs answered sooner than the
7	16th.
8	MR. FELBER: Yes, Your Honor.
9	JUDGE CLARK: Okay.
10	MR. KEEVIL: I would note, Judge, that
11	they're already 11 days overdue. So for whatever
12	that's worth.
13	JUDGE CLARK: Well, I notice that I do not
14	have a request for a phone conference or a motion
15	in front of me, so I'm going to assume that we
16	were hoping that a lot of this could be amicably
17	resolved at this procedural conference. And it
18	would be my preference that the parties, at least
19	as much as possible, get along.
20	Now, I want to move on, and I want to
21	talk, Mr. Felber, about some of your filings.
22	MR. FELBER: Yes, sir.
23	FURTHER QUESTIONING OF MR. FELBER
24	QUESTIONS BY JUDGE CLARK



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Information System for the Commission, as I'm sure
you are well aware of. Now, I certainly
understand your frustration and your distress at
having your power disconnected. Having been
without power for several days, much less over 30,
I can imagine that it is quite frustrating.
However, EFIS is not an internet forum.
It is not an opportunity to just fire off whatever
thoughts you have to the Commission. EFIS is
generally for pleadings and filings of that type.
You have submitted a tremendous amount of
what you call evidence, and I'm going to tell you
that you have submitted no evidence yet. Nothing
filed in EFIS is considered evidence, generally,
until such time as it is properly introduced and
submitted onto the hearing record at an
evidentiary hearing.
Now, I am not your attorney. I cannot
give you legal advice nor am I going to. I am
going to let you know that by filing all these
filings in EFIS, all you are doing is showing all
of your cards to all of the other parties.

Going on, I understand you're angry at

Ameren. I also understand that you are angry at
opposing counsel. But some of the comments you've



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made in some of your filings I think come very, very close, if not already, crossing a line in regard to disparaging counsel.

As I've already said, Ms. Grubbs and Mr. Banks are attorneys for Ameren. They're not Ameren. And so saying such things as -- and I've written down a few of them here -- calling them a liar, get a refund on your law degree, or things such as you sure play some stupid games, probably not appropriate for filing in EFIS. So I would like to ask you not to do that.

You certainly -- if you believe someone is not being truthful with you, you can certainly address that during the evidentiary hearing, and I invite you to. Nobody is going to step on any of your rights, certainly not me. As I've indicated, I'm not going to have anything to do with proceedings in other courts or other jurisdictions. You are free to pursue those as you wish.

I'm going to tell you -- and this is not in reference to your case. This is for all cases in EFIS. The confidentiality policy of filings is changing. And what is changing about it is we are no longer just blanket making filings



confidential.

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And so what the data center is going to be doing in your case and all other cases is when it receives a confidential filing, it will go through the filing and determine whether it's more confidential than not. If it is not more confidential than not, it will make redactions appropriate to have a public version and a confidential version in EFIS. So they will both be there.

However, I will let you know, if you file things as confidential, they will get filed as confidential and remain confidential until such a time as the data center has an opportunity to look at them and make a determination as to what would be confidential.

And an example of something that is confidential, under the Commission's rules, it would be customer-specific information. Of course, if you put that in there, there's always a chance that you may waive confidentiality as to some of that, but we will address that certainly at the hearing.

And that -- that policy change took place with the change of the Commission's fiscal year



which occurred on July 1st.

A All right. And I'll apologize if anything of that nature has gone out or anything or how upset I've been. Reactions -- emotions are really high on everything. And it's frustrating when you try to work something out reasonably with one party to another party, and it doesn't work out. You know, because it's -- and, you know, as far as on things, it's really how scattered it is.

So, for example, I submitted something for a proposal, and nothing was there. They didn't respond to it or anything of that nature. There's nothing there. Amounts that have been discharged in bankruptcy, still in there. I would think at least their counsel -- and even I've talked to -- some Ameren representatives have been nice about it, some have not.

They said, oh, well, it's on file. I don't know why it hasn't been taken off. I don't know this. It's going from there. Knowing that they're counsel, they should be able to go in there and say, hey, this is what he's disputing. So let's take this off for right now. Let's do that, try to work on that. Why is this off? And instead of saying, oh, well, we're going to

continue billing you for it. And so going from there.

Those are things that I'm talking about that, really, they do. They upset you, as far as that. Or, for example, the May 22nd notice that was uploaded to EFIS, that showed the payment agreement.

They should -- you know, there's no phone call. It's all been scattered and said, oh, well, hey, Mr. Felber has something that says this date. Who can he -- you know, there should be something knowing that they're counsel, or they should be sending somebody that is a representative and saying, hey, this is this. This is that.

You know, what -- how does he have a copy that says May 22nd? You know, right there shows a conflict of this date that they're saying. Why do these phone records show this? You know, things of that nature. It's been back and forth with that.

But instead, it's been, you know, that I understand throwing everything out. I'm a person that likes to get things done. Honestly, do I think this situation should be as far as it is? Absolutely not. I don't agree.



However, the way that it's been made has been going that way. There's been no contact between I and Mr. Banks, minus the emails. And I have -- I have sent those emails. I apologize if he feels in that way. However, some of the expression -- some of the stuff that is made out of it, when he tells me a jurisdiction -- for example, for credit card fraud is the Public Service Commission.

The proper jurisdiction for credit card fraud isn't the Public Service Commission. It's the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. So for him to say that, it's kind of a deterrent. However, with him knowing -- also, for example, he is a person. He is counsel.

Knowing that Ameren has come out here, caused a ruckus, he could at least go back and say to Ameren, hey, why are you sending these people out? You know, hey, Mr. Felber is doing this. He can't have -- he doesn't have services. Why are you sending somebody out to harass him?

At least counsel can say, hey, stop going out there. Stop going out there. But there's been -- and that's probably what upsets me the most about it is their representatives, whoever



they -- whoever it is, and that's what it is.

There's been no way they haven't willed to work

with me. They haven't willed to work with me on

medical hardship. They haven't willed to work

with me on any of it.

Q Well, Mr. Felber, once a Complaint is

Q Well, Mr. Felber, once a Complaint is filed, the Commission performs several functions. Some of those are quasi-judicial. This is certainly one of those quasi-judicial functions.

So once you file a Complaint, you're in, essentially, an adversarial system, and Ameren can choose whether or not they want to negotiate with you. They don't necessarily have to answer or respond to your requests in that regard. They may or they may not, and it's not my job to compel them to do otherwise.

Now, you've filed a lot of stuff. I've read everything that you have filed, including the settlement agreement, which you are referencing, which I believe indicated a first payment was due on May 22nd.

So while that is not evidence, I certainly have looked at all of it, and I have had some questions. I do not think what you have said is wholly unreasonable. And I was going to address



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that in regards to your request for a restraining order.

We are quasi-judicial, but we are not a court. And I am unaware of any power we would have to issue any sort of restraining order against Ameren Missouri. And Ameren Missouri may have legitimate reasons to go out to your property to check to see if the meter's been tampered with or not.

However, given how adversarial this situation is currently, I would agree with you. And I would say to Mr. Banks, it might be a good idea to -- at least until this matter is resolved -- maybe refrain from going out there, unless the parties mutually agree to it. So you might suggest that, Mr. Banks, to Ameren.

MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor. Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you.

So the restraining order that you have requested, I'm not going to rule on that. That's outside OF the bounds of powers that the Commission has. But I do want to get you your day in front of the Commission as quickly as possible so you have an opportunity to present evidence in a form where it can be considered.

And I know, as I said before, I understand your frustration and distress at this, but these procedures that are laid out by the legislature and in the Commission's rules are designed to treat parties as fairly as possible to give all sides an opportunity to be heard.

So, generally, a Complaint is filed. And while you immediately start filing stuff in EFIS, the Respondent does have 30 days to answer that Complaint. And there's no requirement that they answer it early, and they answered within the time that was allotted to them.

Generally, I like to wait for a Staff report before -- before setting an evidentiary hearing. But given, Mr. Felber, that there has been a fair degree of animosity involved in this, I do want to try and get that resolved as quickly as possible. So to expedite that process, if you get data responses or data requests, the quicker you can respond to those, the easier it will be to set an evidentiary hearing.

I'm going to have Staff contact you. I'm going to have Staff work with Ameren, Staff counsel, and see if you guys can work out a procedural schedule that is acceptable to



1	everybody to get this expedited to an evidentiary
2	hearing as quickly as possible.
3	MR. FELBER: Thank you, Your Honor.
4	MR. KEEVIL: Jeff Keevil here. Let me ask
5	on that, when are you looking for a schedule
6	proposal filing? And there's another
7	consideration. Mr. Felber has filed, as you
8	noted, several pleadings. I think he's gone
9	beyond his original Complaint at this point.
10	In fact, I think Judge Hatcher, in the
11	first prehearing conference, asked Ameren to
12	respond to, like, two or three complaints. And
13	I'm a bit confused, when I look back through
14	there, as to exactly which Complaint we're
15	proceeding from.
16	JUDGE CLARK: I understand exactly what
17	you're saying. Given the number of pleadings, it
18	is difficult to tell where one begins and one
19	ends. I know that Judge Hatcher originally
20	thought there was sufficient time for answer
21	Ameren to answer an amendment to the Complaint.
22	So rather than opening a separate Complaint, he
23	looped one into this.
24	I will look back. I believe there was
25	something out there that may have qualified as a

Τ	third Complaint. I will look at that. If that is
2	the case, I will probably break that out because
3	that will need its own separate case number.
4	MR. FELBER: Your Honor, I didn't amend
5	the Complaint. It was amended by
6	JUDGE CLARK: Judge Hatcher.
7	MR. FELBER: Okay. Okay.
8	JUDGE CLARK: Judge Hatcher took your
9	additional allegations and thought that they would
10	be best lumped in given the timing of them. And
11	I'm not going to question that. I think that was
12	probably appropriate, and I do believe Ameren
13	addressed those.
14	Is that correct, Mr. Banks?
15	MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor.
16	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. So I believe there's
17	sufficient information, at least in regard to
18	those I will call them the combined
19	Complaint to go to hearing.
20	Staff, if you believe there is a third
21	Complaint that needs to be addressed, please bring
22	it to my attention, and I will break that out,
23	because given the amount of time that's passed,
24	that should be a separate Complaint. Okay?
25	MR. BANKS: Yes, Your Honor.



1 MR. KEEVIL: Okay. One other question. 2 I'm going back -- actually, I asked it a moment 3 ago. What timeline are you looking at for filing 4 of a proposed procedural schedule? I mean, you 5 don't really need a proposed procedural schedule 6 until the Staff report gets done. 7 That's true, but there's not JUDGE CLARK: 8 a lot -- because what happens -- and this is also 9 for Mr. Felber's knowledge too. When I get the Staff report, usually, I allow some time for all 10 11 parties to file written responses to the Staff 12 report, if they wish to. They don't have to. 13 But if parties wish to file any responses 14 to the Staff or Board, I give them an opportunity 15 Also, you're welcome to address any of that 16 at the evidentiary hearing instead. 17 But you are correct, Mr. Keevil. 18 see any point in having a procedural schedule 19 filed prior to a Staff report. So assuming that 20 the Staff report will get done on the 24th, I 21

would probably be looking at sometime within the next two weeks beyond that, seeing a procedural schedule, and that's -- that's -- that's allowing for time for you to communicate with both the parties and figure out their relative



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1	availability. Does that answer that question? I
2	know it's not a precise answer, but it is the
3	answer you're getting.
4	MR. KEEVIL: Close enough. I heard two
5	weeks around give or take from the 24th.
6	JUDGE CLARK: Yeah. I'll take that.
7	And, Mr. Felber, you have ended almost all
8	of your pleadings with a request for Ameren to
9	turn on your power by the end of the day in most
10	cases. While those are asks in that you're asking
11	the Commission to make a ruling, or something in
12	regards to that, the Commission has spoken in
13	regard to that in an agenda order that was issued.
14	There's no requirement that I answer every
15	motion that is filed. So I will probably refrain
16	from answering those, absent new circumstances,
17	until such time as we have an evidentiary hearing.
18	MR. FELBER: All right.
19	JUDGE CLARK: Now, counsel implied this,
20	but I'm just going to ask. Are you currently
21	or wait a second. Let me ask let me think
22	about this.
23	I apologize. That's my phone. I will
24	turn it off.



No, I'm not going to ask you where you

1 live, because at this point, it's none of my 2 business. 3 MR. FELBER: I -- my legal mailing address 4 is in Kansas City. 5 JUDGE CLARK: Okay. You don't need to 6 tell me that. As you indicated, you have a right 7 to live where you want to live. You have 8 indicated that it's your parents' house. 9 not going to get involved as to where you live. 10 That is not something that I believe that is 11 appropriate for me to delve into outside of an 12 evidentiary hearing. I've covered everything I 13 wanted to cover. 14 Mr. Felber, I'd appreciate it if you would 15 not -- if you would avoid in future pleadings, 16 conclusory statements, and pleadings that 17 disparage counsel unfairly. 18 MR. FELBER: Understandable. Yes, Your 19 Honor. 20 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. 21 Now, having said all that, are there any 2.2 pending motions I need to address at this time? 23 And I will start with you, Mr. Felber. 24 I guess the only other thing MR. FELBER:

would be was my wife was qualified for services at

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1	the premises. They approved her. They had it set
2	to be turned on. They did not send out a denial
3	letter or anything of that nature to her. They
4	didn't file the Commission rule. I think that was
5	something that was brought up with you.
6	Would counsel be willing to at least,
7	since we're having the problem that they never
8	sent a denial, stated the reason, never called.
9	Would counsel be willing to at least try to work
10	something out to where services get turned on
11	immediately before everything?
12	JUDGE CLARK: Now, that is settlement
13	negotiations, and I'm neither allowed to be
14	present for settlement negotiations or to delve

present for settlement negotiations or to delve If Ameren wishes to contact you in into them. regard to that, they will. If that needs to be a separate Complaint, then it may need to be a separate Complaint.

> MR. FELBER: Okay.

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JUDGE CLARK: That sounds like a Complaint that would be your wife's Complaint and not your Complaint.

MR. FELBER: Correct. My biggest thing was trying to reduce the amount, therefore, we don't have so much stuff coming in and going from



there. The biggest thing, as far as on things is, you know, again, the services, you know, there's a date agreed, May 22nd. All that I -- I mean, the motion would be was I guess for the health because I do have an autistic son, and it's denying my son his right to accessibility.

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It's even in the Commission rules, you know, if a household member is disabled or any of that nature, they have programs to be able to do that. And it shows it right on their website, and they haven't been able or allowed me to utilize that program. I would like to know who can facilitate that to go ahead and be done.

JUDGE CLARK: And I can't answer that for you. What I will say is that my reading of that rule is that if they are aware of that in advance, they need to allow an additional 21 days before disconnecting service.

It doesn't appear that there's anything in the record that they were aware of that prior to your disconnection; however, again, we're getting into evidentiary matters and, at this point, I'm not going to address because there's no actual evidence.

I know you've filed a lot of stuff, and

Т	l there's a for of stuff that I have questions about
2	and I'm looking forward to hearing about at the
3	evidentiary hearing.
4	MR. FELBER: Right.
5	JUDGE CLARK: But in regards to that
6	Commission rule, I believe that Ameren is as
7	capable of interpreting that as I am. But I
8	believe that's the case that that if you inform
9	them prior to disconnection that you have a family
10	member with a qualifying medical condition and
11	I believe it says that you may be required to
12	provide proof thereof then they have to
13	postpone they have to postpone disconnection 21
14	days. But absent evidence being presented at a
15	hearing, I can't make any ruling in regard to
16	that.
17	MR. FELBER: Understandable.
18	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Are there any other
19	pending motions, Mr. Felber?
20	MR. FELBER: Not that I'm aware of, no.
21	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Staff, any pending
22	motions or other matters that need to be addressed
23	by the Commission at this time?
24	MR. KEEVIL: I don't think there's any
25	motions, Judge. I understood Mr. Felber to say he



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1	will be providing responses to the outstanding
2	data requests we sent back in early June basically
3	as soon as he can and then understanding that we
4	need him to complete the report. So that's
5	really that's really all I had.
6	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you, Staff.
7	Any pending motions or matters that need
8	to be addressed by the Commission from Ameren
9	Missouri?
10	MR. BANKS: No. Thank you, Your Honor.
11	JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, I would like to
12	thank you all for appearing here today. I know
13	that I called this kind of impromptu, but, like I
14	said, given the nature of the way this case is
15	going, I would like to get it expedited as much as
16	possibly can.
17	So with that in mind, I'll thank you all
18	again for appearing here today. It might be
19	necessary for me to do a procedural or a
20	prehearing conference in the future, but I'm not
21	willing to contemplate that at this point, but I'm
22	aware that that may need to happen; so.
23	I'm just taking a second to think. No.

Nothing else. Okay. Then we will go off the

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            JUDGE CLARK: We'll go back on the record.
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     there was a need for a discovery conference, I
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     would facilitate that.
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            Go ahead, Mr. Keevil.
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            MR. KEEVIL: Yeah, I was just going to say
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     you mentioned again, Judge, the Staff contacting
     the other parties. I probably won't -- just for
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     the parties now, I probably won't be able to get
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     that today. It may be tomorrow before I'm able to
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    make the first effort towards contacting the
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    parties about that, but just so they know.
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    not -- I've not forgotten about you if I don't get
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     in touch with them yet this afternoon.
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            JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, actually, you
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     said tomorrow. I mean, that was sooner than I
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     expected anyway. So that is a positive
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    development.
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            All right. Again, thank you all.
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     off the record again, and we will adjourn this
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    procedural conference.
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