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Review of Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri's)
Implementation of Energy Efficiency)Case No. EO-2015-0029
Programs in Furtherance of the)
Missouri Energy Efficiency)
Investment Act (MEEIA))

JUDGE MICHAEL BUSHMANN, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Let's go on the record.

3 Today is January 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

4 The Commission has set this time for a
5 procedural conference in the case captioned as In
6 the Matter of the First Prudence Review of Union
7 Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's
8 Implementation of Energy Efficiency Programs in
9 Furtherance of the Missouri Energy Efficiency
10 Investment Act (MEEIA). That's File
11 No. EO-2015-0029.

12 My name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the
13 Regulatory Law Judge. So let's start with
14 attorneys making their entries of appearance for
15 Ameren Missouri?

16 MR. TOMC: Thank you, your Honor. Matthew
17 R. Tomc, appearing on behalf of Union Electric
18 Company doing business as Ameren Missouri. Our
19 address is 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis,
20 Missouri.

21 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Office of
22 Public Counsel?

23 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz for the Office of
24 Public Counsel. My address is P.O. Box 2230,
25 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Commission Staff?

2 MR. BERLIN: Yes, judge. Appearing on
3 behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
4 Commission is Robert S. Berlin, Post Office
5 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

6 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And Missouri Division of
7 Energy?

8 MR. KNEE: Jeremy Knee for the Department
9 of Economic Development, Division of Energy. And
10 the court reporter has my contact information.

11 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. I think that's
12 everybody. From the pleadings, it appears that
13 there is a single disputed issue related to Ameren
14 Missouri's through-put disincentive-net shared
15 benefits amount.

16 And Office of Public Counsel has requested
17 an evidentiary hearing about that. So we're going
18 to need a procedural schedule.

19 So I'd like the parties to file a joint
20 proposed procedural schedule no later than next
21 Wednesday, February 4th.

22 MR. BERLIN: Judge, if I could kind of
23 offer some explanation?

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Sure.

25 MR. BERLIN: The Staff has been working

1 with Ameren and the Commission's Auditor to
2 research the cause of the discrepancy that was
3 raised by Public Counsel.

4 And I believe Staff is -- and in
5 conjunction with Ameren and the Auditor have --
6 have found the calculation differences and so forth
7 and the numbers behind that and can explain it
8 away.

9 But we would need time to do that. So I
10 would suggest that we take some period of time and
11 then file either a status report or a proposed
12 procedural schedule before we go into a full-blown
13 procedural schedule because, I believe, based upon
14 meetings that have occurred even as late as this
15 morning, that we can resolve this.

16 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Well, that's excellent.
17 And rather than go through all of the work of
18 developing a procedural schedule, it sure makes
19 sense to me to go ahead and grant some more time if
20 you can resolve it without going through all that.

21 How much time do you think would be
22 appropriate for the parties before you need to
23 report on your progress?

24 MR. BERLIN: Yeah. I think a week would
25 work.

1 JUDGE BUSHMANN: So is it okay just next
2 Wednesday, the 4th? That would be a week. You
3 could either provide me a status report explaining
4 what progress you're making, if any. If you need
5 some more time, you can ask for that.

6 If it -- if you come to an impasse and you
7 decide by then that there's -- there's still going
8 to be a disputed issue, we're going to have to have
9 a procedural schedule, you can just go ahead and
10 file a proposed one at that point.

11 And if you do file a proposed procedural
12 schedule, I don't need anything unusual in it, just
13 the usual items that you're all familiar with. So
14 that would be a good resolution.

15 That way, we can bypass an evidentiary
16 hearing, assuming that some agreement can become
17 with the issue that's set out. Any other parties
18 want to weigh in on that proposal?

19 MR. TOMC: Your Honor, on behalf of Ameren
20 Missouri, I would -- I would say that the proposal
21 is agreeable from our standpoint, and we'll
22 certainly cooperate in the development of any
23 status report due next week.

24 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Office of Public Counsel
25 okay with that?

1 MR. OPITZ: Judge, that sounds good with
2 us. If -- we have also been working with Staff and
3 the company to try and resolve the discrepancies
4 that we had identified. So I think, hopefully,
5 with more time, we'll be able to assuage our
6 concerns.

7 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. And okay with
8 Division of Energy?

9 MR. KNEE: Sounds fine.

10 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Okay. So then just to
11 recap, then, next Wednesday, February 4th, there
12 will either be a status report or a joint proposed
13 procedural schedule.

14 And the status report could either say
15 that there's a pending resolution or it could ask
16 for more time, if necessary.

17 Any other issues that we need to take up
18 today on the record? Hearing none, that concludes
19 this conference, and we're off the record.

20 (The proceedings were concluded at 2:10 p.m. on
21 January 28, 2015.)

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