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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

ORAL SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

WEBEX

In the matter of Union Electric )  
Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's )  
4th Filing to Implement ) File No.  
Regulatory Changes in ) EO-2023-0136  
Furtherance of Energy Efficiency )  
as Allowed by MEEIA )

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTED BY:  
SUSAN M. FIALA, RPR, CCR NO. 920

1 The following proceedings began at 2:09 p.m.:

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: We're on the record.  
3 Good afternoon. This is the pre-hearing  
4 conference often File Number EO-2023-0136. And  
5 this is in the matter of Union Electric Company  
6 d/b/a Ameren Missouri's 4th Filing to Implement  
7 Regulatory Changes in Furtherance of Energy  
8 Efficiency as Allowed by MEEIA.

9 Good afternoon. I am Ron Pridgin. I  
10 am the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to preside  
11 over this pre-hearing. It's being held via  
12 Webex on April 25th, 2023, and the time -- it  
13 looks to be 2:09 p.m.

14 I would like to get entries of  
15 appearance from counsel, please. And I would  
16 start with Ameren Missouri, please.

17 MS. MOORE: Yes. Appearing on behalf  
18 of Ameren Missouri is Jennifer Moore and  
19 Carla-Fields Johnson.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Moore, thank you.  
21 And Ms. Johnson, thank you.

22 On behalf of the staff of the  
23 Commission, please?

24 MS. MERS: Nicole Mers and Travis  
25 Pringle on behalf of the staff.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Mers and Mr.  
2 Pringle, thank you.

3 On behalf of the Office of the Public  
4 Counsel, please?

5 MS. VANGERPEN: Lindsay VanGerpen on  
6 behalf of the OPC.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Ms.  
8 VanGerpen, thank you.

9 I believe I have some applicants to  
10 intervene who may be on the Webex, so let me go  
11 through those applicants.

12 Do I have an entry of appearance from  
13 Renew Missouri?

14 MS. GREENWALD: Yes, Allisa Greenwald  
15 on behalf of Renew Missouri. Thank you.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Ms.  
17 Greenwald, thank you.

18 Any entry on behalf of Consumer's  
19 Council of Missouri?

20 MR. COFFMAN: Good afternoon. This is  
21 John Coffman on behalf of the Consumers Council  
22 of Missouri.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Coffman, thank you.

24 Any entry on behalf of Natural  
25 Resources Defense Council?

1 MR. THOMPSON: This is Ethan Thompson  
2 on behalf of NRDC.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Thompson, thank  
4 you.

5 Any entry on behalf of Midwest Energy  
6 Consumer's Group?

7 MR. OPITZ: Good afternoon. This is  
8 Tim Opitz on behalf of MECG.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Opitz,  
10 thank you. Your audio was just kind of low  
11 right then. I'll just let you know, you may  
12 have to speak up and move closer to the mic. I  
13 could hear you but it was pretty muted.

14 Have I overlooked anyone?

15 All right. I don't hear anything.

16 Let me announce, I do plan on granting  
17 the applications to intervene. I believe the  
18 time to object has elapsed, and I've received no  
19 objections. So I plan on issuing a written  
20 order granting all the applications to  
21 intervene.

22 And I think the only other thing I  
23 would have is, I don't think I stated in the  
24 order setting this conference that I normally  
25 ask for some sort of pleading from the parties

1 within about a week of this conference, +either  
2 giving me a schedule or some sort of status  
3 report on how you would like to proceed.

4 So does anyone see any problem with  
5 somebody filing a schedule or some sort of  
6 alternative pleading by May the 2nd?

7 I'm not hearing any objections, so I  
8 will expect to hear from the parties with a  
9 proposed procedural schedule or some other  
10 status report by May the 2nd.

11 One last thing before I leave this  
12 meeting, technology being what it is, and  
13 operators being what they are, you should be  
14 able to stay on this Webex and talk after I  
15 leave. But just in case, you may want to  
16 develop alternative plans.

17 If I disconnect you, I think you can  
18 still get back on this Webex and talk, but I am  
19 about to wrap up the on-the-record portion and  
20 leave the Webex.

21 Is there anything further from counsel  
22 before we go off the record?

23 All right. Hearing nothing, that will  
24 conclude the on-the-record portion of the  
25 pre-hearing conference in File Number

1 EO-2023-0136.

2 Thank you very much. We are off the  
3 record.

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, Susan M. Fiala, Certified Court Reporter, Registered Professional Reporter, within and for the State of Missouri, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that pursuant to notice/agreement I was authorized to stenographically report the foregoing Public Service Commission Pre-Hearing Procedural Conference and that the transcript is a true record of my stenographic notes.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 9th day of May, 2023.



Susan M. Fiala, CCR, RPR

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