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

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Welcome, everyone, to the  
3 conference I scheduled for two cases, GE-2014-0180,  
4 which is Ameren Missouri's gas tariff.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Oh, just a second.  
6 Sorry. Okay. Go ahead.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: As I was saying, we're  
8 here for a prehearing conference in GE-2014-0180,  
9 which is Ameren's gas tariff, and, also,  
10 ET-2014-0076, which is Ameren's electric tariff.

11 We'll begin today by taking -- we're going  
12 to have a combined conference on these two cases,  
13 and we'll discuss later what we want to do with the  
14 cases as far as combining them and so on and so  
15 forth.

16 First of all, entries of appearance,  
17 beginning with Ameren.

18 MS. TATRO: Wendy Tatro, T-a-t-r-o, 1901  
19 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63103.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff?

21 MS. JONES: On behalf of the Staff of the  
22 Missouri Public Service Commission for Case  
23 ET-2014-0076, I'm Akayla Jones, P.O. Box 360,  
24 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

25 MR. OPITZ: Tim Opitz for the Staff of the

1 Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360,  
2 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. And I'm on the  
3 GE-2014-0180 case,180.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Public Counsel?

5 MR. POSTON: Mark Poston, appearing for  
6 the Office of the Public Counsel.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone here for Consumers  
8 Council of Missouri? Has anyone heard from  
9 Mr. Coffman?

10 MR. POSTON: I know he was planning to  
11 attend. I thought he was going to contact you to  
12 try to attend by phone, but --

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I haven't heard anything  
14 from him.

15 MS. TATRO: He and I have had several  
16 voice mail exchanges, but I was never able to reach  
17 him in person. So I know he wanted to talk about  
18 this case, so I presumed he was planning attending.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, he may have been  
20 delayed. And if he joins us later, he'll be  
21 welcome. Laclede Gas Company?

22 MR. ZUCKER: Rick Zucker, Z-u-c-k-e-r,  
23 appearing on behalf of Laclede Gas Company in Case  
24 No. GE-2014-0180.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And I believe

1 that's all the parties who have applied to  
2 intervene.

3 I really wanted to have this conference  
4 today to try and get some idea of how the parties  
5 wanted to deal with these tariffs. So I'm going to  
6 ask you to come up with a proposed procedural  
7 schedule, assuming that not everyone's going to be  
8 in agreement on these tariffs. Is that a safe  
9 assumption?

10 MR. POSTON: I'm not sure. We may be okay  
11 with it, but, you know, I don't know.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, certainly, you're  
13 welcome to reach an agreement if you can. We would  
14 appreciate that.

15 So if you can give me a proposed  
16 procedural schedule by next Tuesday, which would be  
17 January 28th, I believe.

18 Next question, then, is what is to be done  
19 with the tariffs which are on file by February --  
20 to be effective on February 7th?

21 If you can't all reach an agreement, we'll  
22 presumably have to suspend those tariffs. But at  
23 this point, nobody's asked me to do that, so --

24 MS. TATRO: Perhaps we can address that  
25 when we file the proposed procedural schedule.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That was going to be my  
2 suggestion. So let me know what's going on with  
3 that. We will have -- we would have one more  
4 agenda yet on February 5th, I believe it is. So we  
5 could suspend tariffs at that point if we need to.

6 And then the third thing I want you to  
7 address is how to handle these two cases, whether  
8 they should be consolidated, whether they should be  
9 -- proceed on the same track but kept separately  
10 and whether we -- or we can just have -- handle  
11 them entirely separately. Again, that's something  
12 you can address when you make your filing on  
13 Tuesday.

14 Is there anything that anyone wants to  
15 bring up while we're on the record?

16 MR. POSTON: I was -- was curious. I  
17 don't know if you would know when the Chapter 13  
18 rules will appear? I looked in the Register, and I  
19 didn't see the new rule changes in there, so I  
20 didn't know if they were hung up at JCAR or what  
21 was going on.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: No. They have been filed  
23 with Secretary of State. They have to -- they have  
24 30 days to publish them.

25 MR. POSTON: Okay.

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I believe they're going  
2 to be published in -- I think it's the first week  
3 of February.

4 MR. POSTON: Okay.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: They will be published as  
6 -- as final orders of rule-making.

7 MR. POSTON: Okay.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Going from memory, I  
9 believe it was around the end of March they'll be  
10 effective. So they are still on track.

11 MR. POSTON: Okay.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything else anyone  
13 wants to bring up? Hearing nothing, then, with  
14 that, then, the on-the-record portion of this  
15 prehearing conference will be adjourned. And I'll  
16 leave you to your discussions. Thank you.

17 MS. TATRO: Thank you, sir.

18 MS. JONES: Thank you, Judge.

19 (The proceedings were concluded at 10:05 a.m. on  
20 January 24, 2014.)

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