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In The Matter Of: The Application of Union Electric Company for Authority) to Continue The Transfer Of )File No. E0-2011-0128 Functional Control Of Its Transmission System To The ) Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, ) )

Inc.

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding

CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go ahead and get started, although I don't see anyone from Ameren yet, but we'll go ahead and get on the record and see where we're at.

This is a prehearing conference in File No. E0-2011-0128, concerning the application of Union Electric Company for authority to continue transfer of functional control of its transmission system to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Incorporated.

We're here for a prehearing conference, and before we go ahead and take entries of appearance from attorneys, I'm going to ask who's on the telephone.

If the people on the telephone can identify themselves ---MR. BEAL: Your Honor, thank you very much. This is Keith Beal, in-house counsel with Midwest ISO, an intervenor in the docket.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

MR. DOPHMINE: This is Jim Dophmine, a consultant for the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, also an intervener in the docket.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

MS. EMMANUEL: Kelly Emmanuel with Empire Electric. MR. WARREN: Barry Warren with Empire District Electric. We're also interveners in the case.

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JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Anybody else?

(No response.)

JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. I think that's all the people on the telephone then. We'll go ahead and take entries of appearance from the attorneys, beginning with Ameren. MR. LOWRY: Good afternoon, your Honor. James Lowry, Smith Lewis, LLP, 111 South Ninth Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201, appearing on the behalf of Ameren Missouri.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

For Staff.

MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams and Megan McClowry, P.O. Box360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Public Counsel.

MR. MILLS: On behalf of the Office of Public Counsel and the public, my name is Lewis Mills. My address is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Southwest Power Pool.

(No response.)

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anyone here for SPP? No?

MR. MILLS: Judge, it's my understanding that David Litton is in the building in another conference call, and it's my understanding he was planning to be here.

MR. COOPER: Yeah, my understanding, he was planning to be here as well.

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MR. LITTON: I apologize for being a little late, your Honor. My watch is a little different than the Commission's clock, apparently.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

MR. COOPER: Here's Mr. Litton now, right on time. JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.

MR. LITTON: Sorry about that.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Litton, we were just taking entries of appearance, if you want to enter your appearance for SPP. MR. LITTON: Yes. David C. Litton, 424 Summertap Lane, Fenton, Missouri, 63026, on behalf of Southwest Power Pool. JUDGE WOODRUFF: For MIEC.

Anyone here for MIEC?

(No response.)

JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Empire.

MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, on behalf of the Empire District Electric Company.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the Midwest ISO.

MR. BEAL: Keith Beal on the telephone, your Honor, appearing on behalf of Midwest ISO.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good. Well, thank you all for coming this afternoon, and I just wanted to bring you all here together to have you discuss how we can proceed further in this

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case.

As usual, I'll ask you to prepare a procedural schedule in approximately a week, actually a week from today. Of course there's — we're in the Christmas holiday season and I won't be here next week, so you don't need to worry about next week. Aim for January 3, the Monday after the holidays.

Give me a post-procedural schedule as to how --- what we need to do in this case and how we want to do it.

As to the people who are in the room, you may note we now have a conference table in here, so if you want to move up and around the conference table, that's fine. I'm going to take my leave in a moment here, but first I'll ask if anyone has anything else they want to bring up while we're on the record.

(No response.) JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. I don't hear anything else, so with that the on-the-record portion of this proceeding is adjourned, and I'll leave you to your discussions.

Thank you.

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