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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	JUDGE STEARLEY: Good morning. Today's
3	Monday November 26th, 2012. Commission has set this time
4	for an On-The-Record Proceeding in File No. EW-2013-0011,
5	which is captioned as In The Matter Of A Working Docket To
6	Address Effective Cybersecurity Practices For Protecting
7	Essential Electric Utility Infrastructure.
8	My name is Harold Stearley, and I'm the
9	presiding officer over today's hearing, and we will begin
10	by taking entries of appearance from counsel. Starting
11	with Union Electric Company.
12	Q Good morning. Wendy Tatro, 1901
13	Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, appearing on behalf
14	of Ameren Missouri. For the record, I have with me today
15	Dan Cole, President and CEO of Ameren Services, Mary
16	Hager, Vice-President of Ameren Services Center and
17	Information Technology, Tom Rice, Director of
18	Cybersecurity and Technology Planning at Ameren Services,
19	and Chris Saywald, Managing Supervisor of Cybersecurity at
20	Ameren Services.
21	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Thank you, Ms.
22	Tatro.
23	Would Kansas City Power and Light and
24	Greater Missouri Operations Company enter their
25	appearance?

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1	MR. FISCHER: Yes, Judge. Let the record
2	reflect the appearance of James M. Fischer, Fischer and
3	Dority, P.C. Our address is 101 Madison Street, Suite
4	400, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101, appearing today on
5	behalf of both Kansas City Power & Light Company and KCPL
6	Greater Operations Company.
7	Like Ameren Missouri, we have several
8	technical persons here that can address the Commissioner's
9	questions or the Judge's questions. Scott Harris,
10	Information Security and Compliance Manager for the
11	Company, Jennifer Flander Meyer, Senior Manager Operations
12	Compliance with Kansas City Power & Light Company, and
13	John Breckenridge, the Senior Manager of Corporate
14	Security for Kansas City Power & Light Company. I also
15	have with me Darrin Ives and Denise Buffington with the
16	Company.
17	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Thank you, Mr.
18	Fischer.
19	For the Empire District Electric Company?
20	MR. COOPER: Thank you, your Honor. Dean
21	Cooper appearing on behalf of the Empire District Electric
22	Company. The Court Reporter has an address on our entry
23	of appearance.
24	With me today are Michael Palmer, Vice-
25	President of Transmission Policy and Corporate Services;

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1	Ralph F. Meyer, manager of Reliability Compliance; Ivan
2	Johnson, Manager of Systems and Database Administrators;
3	and Kalen Long, the Liability Compliance Specialist.
4	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Thank you very
5	much, Mr. Cooper.
6	For the Office of the Public Counsel?
7	MR. MILLS: On behalf of the Office of the
8	Public Counsel and the Public, my name is Lewis Mills. My
9	address is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101.
10	JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Mills.
11	And for the Staff of the Missouri Public
12	Service Commission?
13	MS. HERNANDEZ: Good morning. Jennifer
14	Hernandez appearing for the Staff of the Missouri Public
15	Service Commission. Our address is P.O. Box 360,
16	Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.
17	JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
18	Hernandez.
19	Let the record reflect that ITC Midwest,
20	LLC, and Intergy Arkansas, Incorporated, have been excused
21	from today's proceedings.
22	Before I go into any preliminary matters, I
23	believe Commissioner Jarrett would like to make an opening
24	statement.
25	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Yes. Thank you,

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1	Judge Stearley.
2	First of all, I think it's really
3	appropriate and kind of ironic that we're having this On-
4	The-Record hearing on Cyber Monday which is, of course,
5	the biggest Internet shopping day of the year. Really
6	kinds of brings to focus the whole cybersecurity issue.
7	First of all, I would like to thank
8	Chairman Gunn and the other Commissioners. I am Chairman
9	of the NARUC Committee on Critical Infrastructure, so
10	cybersecurity has been a focal point for me for the past
11	couple of years as I do my committee work in NARUC. And
12	they have graciously supported me in that, and also
13	supported opening this workshop so that we could explore
14	cybersecurity issues with the utilities that we regulate.
15	Our goal here is not to have a response to cyber threat
16	that is piecemeal, reactive, or fragmented. These
17	planning questions which you filed answers to in this
18	docket aim to encourage proactive and strategic action on
19	the part of the utilities rather than a patchwork
20	response.
21	And I particularly want to thank Ameren
22	Missouri, KCP&L, GMO and Empire both, for providing
23	written responses in this docket and also for appearing
24	here today to give us presentations and answer questions
25	on generally on your cyber programs.

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1	And if you don't think cybersecurity is
2	important, you only need to look at some of the recent
3	headlines in the news. For example, Chinese Hackers
4	Blamed for Events of Televents Scata Related (ph), from
5	Power-Mag.com, December 27, 2012; Iranian Against U.S.
6	Banks and Foreign Wall Street Journal, 2012; Israel
7	Commits Cyberattacks Throughout Gaza, abcnewsgo.com,
8	November 29, 2012; and U.S. Transportation Command Defends
9	from Thousands of Cyberattacks, the Albany Tribune from
10	yesterday, November 25, 2012. So, this is a very timely
11	topic. Thank you for being here to discuss these very
12	important issues.
13	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Mr. Stoll, did
14	you have any comments you wanted to make?
15	COMMISSIONER STOLL: Just briefly. Thank
16	you. As Commissioner Jarrett said, this is an extremely
17	important topic. In addition to those instances that he
18	mentioned, they hacked into the Department of Revenue in
19	South Carolina and stole hundreds of thousands of records.
20	And, so, this is very a very important issue, and I'm
21	pleased to see everyone here today. Thank you for coming,
22	and I look forward to hearing what you have to say.
23	MS. FRAZIER: Excuse me, Judge. I didn't
24	get to make an entry of appearance. I wanted to do that.
25	JUDGE STEARLEY: Certainly. And you are?

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1	MS. FRAZIER: I'm sorry I didn't get to
2	catch that. I'm Jennifer Frazier with the Attorney
3	General's Office appearing for Department of Natural
4	Resources, P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City, Missouri.
5	JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you very much.
6	MS. FRAZIER: Thank you.
7	JUDGE STEARLEY: Some initial remarks, I
8	did want to let you know that while Chairman Gunn and
9	Commissioner Kenney aren't here presently, they are
10	dealing remotely and will be reviewing the transcript of
11	the hearing, as well if we have items that are in camera.
12	And they have given me some questions which I may or may
13	not have to ask, depending on the questions of the other
14	Commissioners covered today.
15	I do want to ask that all electronic
16	devices be turned off, cell phones, computers, whatever
17	you may have. Particularly, I would like cell phones to
18	be off for this hearing. I know mine gets dialed
19	occasionally when I sit on it and occasionally having
20	people listen into my conversations, and we all appreciate
21	the sensitive materials that we deem discussed here today.
22	Additionally, because we are going to be
23	talking about sensitive matters, any of the parties that
24	have any concerns and would like to go in camera to not
25	have things webcast, would like the gallery cleared, if

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1	there is any necessity for that at all depending on what's
2	answered, I'm going to trust you all to bring my attention
3	to it and we will protect the security of any responses
4	that are given here today.
5	Are there any other preliminary matters I
6	need to take up?
7	(No response.)
8	JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. I'm going to ask if
9	the participants would like to make an opening remark.
10	MR. MILLS: Judge, just before we get
11	started, first of all, I want to commend the Commission
12	for opening this case. I think it's a very important
13	topic, and I think the Commission will learn a lot from
14	it.
15	Having said that, I certainly expect that I
16	will be more of a learner than a teacher in this process,
17	and I doubt that I will personally have much to add to the
18	proceeding today other than just listening; and, by your
19	leave, I may do that remotely as well.
20	JUDGE STEARLEY: That's quite acceptable,
21	Mr. Mills, and thank you.
22	Anyone who would like to make an opening
23	statement.
24	MS. TATRO: I brought Mary Hager who is
25	Vice-President of Information Technology, and she will

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1	give, I guess, what will qualify as an opening statement.
2	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very well.
3	MS. HAGER: Good morning. As
4	Vice-President of Information Technology at Ameren, I
5	wanted to relate to you the seriousness that we take
6	cybersecurity in our company. For well over a decade, we
7	have been investing in our cybersecurity defenses in order
8	to protect the electric and the gas distribution systems
9	that we take care of for our customers. Our organization
10	reports up through Dan Cole who is President and CEO of
11	Ameren Services. Dan reports to Tom Boss, the CEO of
12	Ameren Corporation, and we have visited with our Audit and
13	Risk Committee of our Board of Directors as well.
14	So, on a regular basis, we report to our
15	Audit and Risk Committee on our cyber defense strategy and
16	what we are doing to continue to protect our grid for our
17	customers.
18	Thank you.
19	JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you.
20	Any other of the participants like to make
21	any opening remarks?
22	MR. FISCHER: Judge, on behalf of Kansas
23	City Power & Light and GMO, Ill just say that we provided
24	answers to the questions on August 3rd. Our witness is
25	here today and can answer questions or expand upon those,

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1	but we don't have a formal opening statement at this time.
2	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Thank you, Mr.
3	Fischer.
4	MR. COOPER: Judge, similarly, Empire
5	appreciates the Commissioners interest on this issue, and
6	have no formal opening but is certainly happy to answer
7	any questions the Commissioners may have.
8	JUDGE STEARLEY: For all of those persons
9	who were identified by counsel as being hear to answer
10	questions, I am now going to swear you all in in mass.
11	So, if you would all please raise your
12	right hands.
13	(Whereupon, all witnesses were administered
14	the oath by Judge Stearley.)
15	JUDGE STEARLEY: You do?
16	(Indicating.)
17	JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. I'm seeing heads
18	nodding. I'll let the record reflect that everyone has
19	sworn the oath.
20	And, with that, we can begin questioning.
21	Commissioner Jarrett.
22	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Great. Thank you,
23	Judge Stearley.
24	I tried to couch my questions in very
25	general terms. It's not my intent to get into any sort of

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1	confidential information. So, if we need to go in camera,
2	I may withdraw the question or rephrase it in a way that
3	it's not, but if it is something that needs to go in
4	camera, as the Judge said, we can do that. So, I'll start
5	with the question that Ms. Hager touched on. I want to
6	and whoever can answer, probably ought to identify
7	themselves for the Court Reporter so that we get the right
8	person. But I would ask this of any of the witnesses that
9	want to answer this from each utility.
10	Talking about the culture of cybersecurity
11	in your organization, you know, is there by and throughout
12	the organization from the Board of Directors down to the
13	most entry-level position. Talk to me a little bit about
14	that, the culture of cybersecurity in your organization.
15	MR. RICE: Good morning. Tom Rice, and I'm
16	with Ameren. I think personally at Ameren there is buy-in
17	in from all levels of the organization. The Board of
18	Directors take it very seriously. All of the officers
19	that I work with in supporting Missouri take it seriously,
20	and all AM employees take it seriously.
21	Now, I think the challenge we have is to
22	make sure everybody understands their role. The
23	technology's there. Making sure the employees don't do
24	anything to circumvent what is there is where we're
25	putting a lot of our effort now. But everybody

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1	understands the importance. I would say it's right up
2	there with safety. It's something that we know we have to
3	do and we have to do well. I think we just can't slide on
4	it. So, it's there. And I'm happy to say it's there.
5	JUDGE STEARLEY: Yes. I was going to say,
6	any of the witnesses that want to come forward, they can
7	sit at any of these tables that have a microphone or come
8	at the podium.
9	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: I think, if you come
10	forward and answer, that will facilitate.
11	MR. FISCHER: With leave of the Commission,
12	we'll just address your questions from here, if that will
13	be all right.
14	JUDGE STEARLEY: That's quite fine. Yes.
15	MR. HARRIS: Hi. My name is Scott Harris.
16	I'm with Kansas City Power & Light, manager of Information
17	Security and Compliance.
18	Cybersecurity at Kansas City Power & Light
19	is a very has a very strong commitment all the way from
20	the top. We have a standing agenda item on the board of
21	at each board meeting that we talk about the
22	cybersecurity, we talk about compliance.
23	From the, I guess, the company perspective,
24	we've also had the Information Security Department was
25	formed back in 1999. We have had a very comprehensive

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1	security plan as well as information security policies
2	from that time. And they're all based upon industry best
3	practice, and we continually improve upon those policies
4	as the threat landscape changes so that we're constantly
5	reviewing those and updating those as necessary.
6	We also have a very strong training program
7	that includes mandatory information security training for
8	all employees.
9	MR. PALMER: Commissioner, I'm Mike Palmer,
10	Vice-President of Transmission Policy and Corporate
11	Services for Empire District Electric Company.
12	We are as all the other companies have
13	stated are very engaged in these issues. We think they
14	are very timely and pertinent to the security of our grid.
15	We do have I think Empire certainly has a very strong
16	culture of compliance. I am the Chief Cybersecurity
17	Officer for the corporation. We do have weekly officer
18	meetings. I give updates in between those weekly meetings
19	if the needs arise, but we have weekly face-to-face
20	meetings with the entire officer group.
21	I can talk about the status and issues that
22	we and our team are working on as we go forward to be
23	compliant with the standards that have been put in place.
24	We are active and working on and looking at new standards
25	as they come, and is trying to be engaged in that process

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1	as well.
2	We are very active in the Southwest Power
3	Pool. Our company experts are engaged with other experts
4	from other companies, certainly those represented here
5	today, but also other members of the Southwest Power Pool,
6	for these issues are, again, very pertinent and front and
7	center. So, we are very appreciative of this opportunity,
8	very appreciative of the Commissioners calling this
9	hearing in order to discuss these issues.
10	So, thank you very much.
11	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Well, thank you.
12	And, Mr. Palmer, I'll stay with you, because that's a good
13	segueway into another one of the my questions, talking
14	about, you know, working with the Southwest Power Pool and
15	other entities, partnerships with both public and private
16	entities.
17	Can you talk a little bit about and you
18	may have already answered it and you may not have any
19	more to elaborate, but, you know, what kind of public-
20	private partnerships are you involved in, how do you work
21	as far as sharing best practices, those types of things?
22	MR. PALMER: I will make an attempt at
23	answering this question. I may pull on Fred Meyer. He is
24	very active with the Southwest Power Pool and other
25	companies.

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1	Again, that, the NERC was given the
2	authority to govern the standards that have been put
3	forth. I think this came from the Energy Policy Act of
4	2005 that gave the FERC the authority to impose standards
5	and penalties for the first time for companies that were
6	noncompliant. The FERC then interacted with the North
7	American Electric Reliability Counsel, NERC, to develop
8	the standards and to develop a program to audit companies
9	with these standards. As part of the NERC, then, program,
10	they selected the Southwest Power Pool to be what is
11	called the regional entity. They are responsible for
12	enforcing standards within the Southwest Power Pool
13	footprint.
14	So, our manager of Reliability and
15	Compliance, Fred Meyer, is very active with other
16	companies within the Southwest Power Pool to talk about
17	the issues that are front and center, companies that have
18	been going through audits, seeing what we can learn and
19	gain from those, and try to be proactive and in advance of
20	meeting any issues before they are become a become a
21	problem for us.
22	So, let me see if Fred has any items he
23	would like to expand on with that.
24	MR. MEYER: Good morning, Commissioners.
25	My name is Fred Meyer from the Empire District Electric

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1	Company. I'm manager of Reliability Compliance.
2	As Mike expanded on, we are a member of the
3	Southwest Power Pool which is a group of entities formed
4	to create that power pool many years ago. We do meet
5	regularly in forums and conventions and workshops to
6	discuss the latest and greatest, if you will, of the
7	cyberissues and discuss those regularly.
8	I saw some familiar faces when we walked in
9	the room today because they're made of people that I deal
10	with on a regular basis, especially with the folks here
11	from Kansas City Power & Light, where we're also members
12	of the Southwest Power Pool. We meet regularly, we stay
13	up-to-speed with the new changing standards and new
14	threats, and we discuss the appropriate measures to take
15	care of those issues.
16	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thank you.
17	MR. HARRIS: Yeah, in addition to, you
18	know, KCPL also participates in the SPP workshops, we
19	participate in critical infrastructure protection working
20	groups. In addition to those, some of the organizations
21	that we listed in our response include Nesco as well as
22	the Fusion Centers. There are three people within Kansas
23	City Power & Light that have superclearances, so we
24	regularly participate in the biweekly closed security
25	briefings with the local Fusion Center office.

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1	In addition to that, we participate in the
2	transmission for, um, peer sharing, peer sharing group.
3	That is an opportunity for us to actually go and
4	participate in something that's similar to a mock audit at
5	other utilities, so we share and learn from other
6	utilities information at those events.
7	In addition to those, some of the private
8	organizations that we participate in are the local
9	security organizations. We've got ISSA, which is the
10	Information Securities Systems Association. All of our
11	information security analysts are certified, so we
12	participate in the CISSP forums, and those kind of things
13	as far as sharing information. And then, finally, we
14	participate in EPRE, EEI, meetings as well.
15	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thank you.
16	MS. HAGER: I agree with many of the same
17	things the gentleman before me has mentioned.
18	I would go on to say that we're very active
19	in the St. Louis area with other companies in St. Louis on
20	cybersecurity boards and things of that nature. Chris
21	Saywald, who is a member of my staff, actually chairs the
22	EEI Cybersecurity Working Group. Another member at our
23	company chairs the SIP, Critical Infrastructure, for that
24	same program. We also I think we're trying to lean
25	more on other industries and what they're doing.

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1	Actually, in Missouri, we're having a
2	company that had a breach. They are coming in and talking
3	to all of our IT supervisors and some of our control
4	systems supervisors as to what happened, what they
5	learned. So, again, just trying to share from the
6	misfortune that others have had.
7	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: What about from the
8	MISO level? Do you all participate in MISO in any type of
9	cybersecurity workshops or working groups?
10	MS. HAGER: Yes. I don't know the
11	specifics. Chris.
12	MR. EMMEL: Chris Emmel. MISO, but more
13	we're in CERC, so we're from the CERC perspective. So,
14	CERC is our regional entity, and we do a lot of work in
15	that function.
16	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Okay. Thank you.
17	One of my other questions and Mr. Palmer
18	touched on this let's start with KCP&L since I've been
19	picking on Mike a little too long. It has to do with we
20	talked about compliance to standards. And there's really
21	kind of two approaches, you know, compliance-based
22	approach versus risk-based approach.
23	Do you do you look at both of those as
24	being equally important? I mean, you work, obviously, to
25	comply with the standards because those are, many times,

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1	mandatory. But sometimes being compliant with the
2	standards doesn't necessarily mean that you're fully
3	protected. So, what are you doing other than just
4	compliance? Do you take a risk-based approach as well?
5	MR. HARRIS: As I mentioned, the
6	Information Security Department has been in existence
7	since 1999. Our cyber program is based upon the policies
8	and standards that we have set forth in 1999 that we
9	continually review and modify. My philosophy is, you
10	know, compliance should be a result of properly securing
11	your systems from a not only from a risk perspective
12	but from an industry best practice perspective.
13	So, I don't want compliance to drive
14	security. I want our policies and standards to drive
15	security and result in a compliant system with whatever
16	standard, whether it's the NERC, SIP standards, or any
17	other standards that come out.
18	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Mr. Palmer. Mr.
19	Meyer.
20	MR. MEYER: Our procedures and policies are
21	based on best practices, at the same time hearing the
22	standards that are required. So, they are sometimes where
23	a best practice either is expounded upon within the
24	standards or not. But, a lot of times, best practice does
25	come first.

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1	THE COURT REPORTER: Your name, please?
2	MR. MEYER: Frederick Meyer. It may be
3	confusing two Meyers. I'm Fred Meyer.
4	MR. PALMER: I want to expand on that a
5	little bit, what the Commissioner touched on previously.
6	If we are doing everything right, we should
7	be compliant. But the nature of this game is changing so
8	rapidly, the folks that are working to hack into the
9	systems are developing new thoughts and methods, and, so,
10	we have to been very vigilant. We may be we companies
11	may see things that are coming that we can help then to
12	inform the other companies that, Gosh, we need to change
13	this standard, guys. Something new is coming in.
14	So, I think being compliant is certainly
15	all of our goals. Being engaged in the process is our
16	goal, but keeping an eye out for things that may not have
17	been thought about is also very crucial to maintaining the
18	security.
19	JUDGE STEARLEY: Anything from Ameren?
20	MS. HAGER: So, Ameren has a comprehensive
21	corporate risk management system. We participate in that
22	program. So, certainly, compliance is important. Best
23	practices more, I think from our perspective, end up being
24	a mitigation strategy. But first we look at what is the
25	risk, what is the likelihood of the threat, what is the

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1	impact of the threat, and then we base our response based
2	on what we're seeing from those various risk profiles, and
3	we work not only with our IT folks as to assessing what
4	those scenarios are, but then we work with the business
5	lines as well.
6	We update those quarterly and then do more
7	of a deep refresh once a year. So, it's a combination of
8	the corporate risk management system, and then we leverage
9	best practices and programs to mitigate anything that
10	we're seeing.
11	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Great. You know, we
12	talk a lot about the protection and that's, obviously,
13	very important to protect against a cyberattack. But we
14	all know that to protect against every cyberattack would
15	be just so expensive it's just not possible. So, we
16	trade, I guess, some risk reward. We do a cost benefit
17	analyses to see what's effective and what's not effective
18	for the money that one can spend on protection. So, I
19	want to talk a little bit about resilience and recovery.
20	Just, generally, do you feel your companies
21	are adequately addressing not only protection but
22	resiliency and then recovery in case there is an attack
23	that succeeds or partially succeeds?
24	MS. TATRO: Your Honor, Ameren Missouri is
25	happy to answer this question, but we do feel like this

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1	needs to be a HC answer.
2	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: All right. Do you
3	want to go in camera?
4	MS. TATRO: Yes, please.
5	JUDGE STEARLEY: Ms. Tatro, does anybody
6	need to leave? That's what I'm going to ask.
7	MS. TATRO: Are you a member of the media?
8	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: I am.
9	MS. TATRO: I'm going to have to ask you to
10	leave.
11	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Okay.
12	MS. TATRO: Sorry.
13	UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: That's okay.
14	MS. TATRO: I think everyone else in the
15	room is related to Public or Staff or Office of Public
16	Counsel or DNR.
17	JUDGE STEARLEY: Be sure before we start.
18	MS. TATRO: Okay. Thank you.
19	JUDGE STEARLEY: Do you need someone
20	guarding the door?
21	MS. TATRO: I think we're okay.
22	JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. You may proceed.
23	(REPORTER'S NOTE: At this point, an
24	in-camera session was held, which is contained in Volume
25	2, pages 26 through 32 of the transcript.)

JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. We are back in 1 2 the public forum. 3 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: We talked a little bit about this before, but I wanted to talk a little bit 4 5 about training, whether it be for employees or contractors or vendors. 6 7 Do you feel your company's doing a good job 8 at doing the type of training you need to do for your employees to make them aware of cybersecurity and give them the tools that they need to help in cybersecurity 10 11 protection? For example, when I was in the Army National 12 Guard, we -- you know, this is very simple -- but we did 13 -- had to do annual computer training where, you know, we would be told, you know, use a difficult password, don't 14 15 use your phone number or your home address, or anything like that. You know, secure laptops if you have them at 16 17 home, or if you're traveling with them. Don't use personal thumb drives in company equipment. Those types 18 19 of things. So, if you could just kind of generally 20 21 talk about your training program and how you view training of employees, vendors, contractors. Start with Empire. 22 23 MR. MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner. Some 24 of the types of things, yes, we do have a very adequate training program where we train employees on different 25

levels of the types of security that they need to be aware 1 2 of in relation to cyber. And some of things you 3 mentioned, which I cannot mention in detail, we do cover in our training. And that is covered correctly and on an 4 5 annual basis. 6 MR. HARRIS: Yes. Kansas City Power & 7 Light also has a very comprehensive information security training program. We require every employee that has a 8 network ID on to our network to take this training. They typically have a -- you know, three months to complete it. 10 If they do not complete it within the required time, we 11 12 disable their account. 13 We -- not only do we require training for the vendors and contractors under the NERC standards, but 14 15 we require that of all contractors who are coming onsite. This is the annual training that I'm talking about, but, 16 17 also, we do monthly reinforcement training. We'll do that through posters, through electronic communication like an 18 e-newsletter, or in the break rooms we have electronic 19 boards that we will have, you know, various topics, 20 21 whether it's USB or laptop or whatever, that are constantly scrolling through and providing additional 22 23 education.

Ameren.

COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Great.

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MS. HAGER: We do the same thing. We have 1 2 annual training requirements, CBTs as you mentioned, for 3 all our employees and contractors that's appropriate for. Throughout the year, we have various types of awareness 4 5 campaigns that are going on, posters, electronic 6 communications. We're also -- as our cybersecurity 7 defenses are evolving, our cybersecurity training 8 awareness program continues to evolve as well. 9 We're rolling out a program now where we will provide various amounts of hours depending on your 10 level in the organization. So, more focused training for 11 12 executives and our officers, less prescribed and more what's going on right now that you need to be aware of to 13 make better business decisions. So, that's the next step 14 15 in our evolution of our training awareness program at Ameren. 16 17 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Okay. Thank you. did want to ask one question on personally-identifiable 18 information. 19 20 Of course, that's something you all deal 21 with. It's something we deal with here at the Commission. Do you feel that there are adequate resources being 22 allocated to protect the personal information that you all 23 have in your systems, you know, customer information, that 24 type of thing? And I don't need a detailed answer, just 25

kind of a general. 1 2 MS. HAGER: I believe we do at Ameren. 3 -- the only thing I'll add to that is that the data that's on -- takes place that's backed up are currently 4 5 encrypted, and we have projects underway on this issue to encrypt all the data that contains that type of 6 7 information. So, we're doing everything we can do. MR. HARRIS: Also, at Kansas City Power & 8 9 Light, we do have adequate measures in place to protect personally-identifiable information. Some of them are 10 like separation of duties, change control. We do encrypt 11 12 the information that is identified as PII, and we also do 13 background checks on employees who have access to that 14 information. 15 MR. PALMER: Yes. We at Empire feel like we are doing a very good job at protecting the customer 16 17 information. This is a very dynamic time in the world as customers demand more information from their computers on 18 a 24/7 basis. We want to provide that and yet provide the 19 security necessary to protect their information from 20 21 others. So, we do feel like we are doing a very adequate 22 job of that. 23 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: One of the issues 24 that I've seen working on the NARUC Committee, Critical Infrastructure, is sometimes there is a disconnect between 25

the IT systems and the control systems. What I mean by 1 2 that is, you know, you have the IT folks to handle all the 3 computer systems and the business systems, and then you have more of the engineering types that handle the control 4 5 systems. 6 Can you describe or just talk a little bit 7 about how your organizations work, you know, to bring those silos together as far as cybersecurity so everybody 8 kind of understands and is talking on the same page? 10 maybe a followup to that is, your cybersecurity folks responsible for cybersecurity, are they well-versed in 11 12 both the control systems and the IT systems as so that 13 they can work on those? 14 MR. PALMER: Mike Palmer from Empire. 15 Again, Commissioner, we are in preparation of a NERC audit on our system next year, and in anticipation to that, we 16 17 have teams in place already that have been working to make sure that we are compliant and looking for any issues that 18 we need to resolve ahead of this audit. Those teams 19 20 include people from the IT Department, they include people 21 from the power plants and folks from the engineering departments that are directly responsible for relay 22 settings, and those types of things. Also includes our 23 24 folks that are in charge of our energy management system that helped control the flow of electricity in the grid. 25

So, we've been very active in trying to 1 2 make sure there are not any gaps or any silos in our 3 companies between these different departments. And I think this preparation work for these audits has been very 4 5 helpful for us in doing that. 6 JUDGE STEARLEY: KCPL. 7 MR. HARRIS: Yes. Kansas City Power & 8 Light, you described that separation, and that is how it has been traditionally. But with the NERC substandards that have come out and we have recognized that we need to 10 11 change that, so we are actively in the process of changing 12 the -- I guess the responsibility for the cybersecurity at 13 the plants. 14 I will say that the policies and standards are corporate-wide, so they do not just apply to IT. They 15 apply to every corporate system at Kansas City Power & 16 17 Light. So, those engineers who are responsible for the control systems are also required to adhere to the 18 19 standards. 20 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: All right. And 21 Ameren. MS. HAGER: There is a separation as far as 22 23 who is responsible for administering the systems at Ameren. We do follow all of the same policies and 24 procedures. It's a very collaborative and cooperative 25

- 1 environment. I have -- underneath Chris Sayble, I have
- 2 one supervisor and entire team that just focuses on data
- 3 systems security. Within my staff, we send them to Idaho
- 4 labs for training.
- 5 So, those are the people that work arm-in-
- 6 arm with the engineers maintaining the systems. So, I
- 7 think it's working extremely well with that type of
- 8 organization.
- 9 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Great. Well, I have
- 10 just one more question. And I'm glad that the folks that
- 11 were responsible for cybersecurity are here, because I'm
- 12 going to ask you for your opinion.
- You've probably answered this in some of my
- 14 other questions, but just to kind of wrap up, are you
- 15 folks that are responsible for the cybersecurity getting
- 16 the resources that you need to adequately do your jobs,
- 17 whether it be monetary or management support?
- 18 MR. PALMER: Mike Palmer with Empire again.
- 19 I'll give an emphatic yes to that question, Commissioner.
- 20 We have broad support with the officer group and the board
- 21 of the company. They are very engaged. We do not want to
- 22 be the cause of any issue in the electric grid that takes
- 23 power down over the region, so, emphatically yes, we have
- 24 full support at the highest levels in the company to make
- 25 sure that we're in good shape.

MR. HARRIS: Yes. Scott Harris with Kansas 1 2 City Power & Light. Again, I mentioned this before, but 3 we do have the board level support. We are on their agenda at every board meeting. You know, we have the 4 5 adequate resources, not only in full-time employees but in 6 monetary investments that we make in the cybersecurity 7 area. 8 So, yes, I will echo that very emphatic 9 yes. 10 MS. HAGER: Same goes with Ameren. Support to the point where the business Presidents actually reach 11 12 out to my staff and ask them to come and attend their 13 staff meetings and talk to them and their staff about cybersecurity. So, we have everything we need to be 14 15 willing to do. 16 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Thank you all very 17 much. That's all the questions I had today, and you all provided very good answers to the written questions, and I 18 19 appreciate that as well. So, with that, I will wrap up 20 and turn it back over to the Judge. 21 JUDGE STEARLEY: Commissioner Stoll. Do you have any questions? 22 23 COMMISSIONER STOLL: Your Honor, I believe 24 that Commissioner Jarrett has asked the questions that I was interested in. My questions related to the -- how 25

cybersecurity -- how your cybersecurity plan was tested 1 2 and about employee training and the incident response 3 drills that you have annually. I quess, as someone said, there are so many potential threats out there, you do your 4 best to, you know, try to counter any of those with your 5 6 current plan, but I was, I quess, specifically wondering 7 about how you tested that plan, tested your plan, and I 8 think those have been answered. I won't ask any more regarding that. 10 So, again, I'm kind of a learner on this, too. My hat is off to Commissioner Jarrett and the work 11 12 he's been doing at NARUC, and I appreciated your comments 13 here today and your response to the order that you filed. So, again, thank you for the information you've provided. 14 15 JUDGE STEARLEY: And, before we conclude, I did want -- I did have one question. If the participants 16 17 here believed that the Commission should engage in any rule making or if you have any other suggestions for the 18 Commission with regard to how it can assist the parties 19 20 going forward with their cybersecurity practices. 21 MR. FISCHER: Judge, from Kansas City Power & Light's perspective, we're certainly very happy to 22 engage with the Commission on any issues you would like to 23 talk with us about. We don't see a need at this point for 24 a specific rule making on this topic. But, like I say, if 25

the Commission feels that there is an area that you would 2 like to address, we would like to participate. 3 JUDGE STEARLEY: Anyone else? MR. COOPER: Empire has the same thought. 4 5 We very appreciate your concern on a very pertinent topic. Today we are heavily in the process developing standards 6 7 we now have imposed on us, so I do not feel there is a need at this time to have a rule making session on this 8 9 topic. 10 JUDGE STEARLEY: Any comments from Ameren? 11 MS. TATRO: Thank you. Ameren Missouri 12 takes this issue very seriously and, I mean, seriously enough that we even brought Dan Cole who is the President 13 and CEO of Ameren Missouri Services in order to 14 15 demonstrate the level of importance that's assigned to this. We don't think a formal rule making probably is 16 17 necessary. We do think that there might be opportunities for a partnership between the utilities and the Commission 18 in terms of this Commission holds confidential information 19 20 about our company. 21 And, so, there probably could be -frankly, I personally don't know who the IT person is at 22 the Commission. That just may be my ignorance, but there 23 24 probably is room for some thought about how to improve that transfer of information and those kinds of things. 25

That would be my area around the Commission, I think that 1 2 would be interesting to continue to talk about. And, 3 certainly, as we go forward in this, if the Commissioners have specific questions about Ameren Missouri, they're 4 5 more than welcome to come to our offices, if that would be 6 beneficial. 7 JUDGE STEARLEY: Commissioner Jarrett. 8 COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Gentlemen, I just wanted to say Ms. Tatro makes a very valid and good point, and we have talked about that issue at the Committee on 10 11 Critical Infrastructure and some of our neighbor meetings. 12 While we regulate utilities and we want to make sure you 13 all have the resources that are doing what you need to do, commissions also need to look at their own practices, 14 15 because we do hold in confidential information and we need to protect it and we need to make sure that, when 16 17 information is transferred, it's protected. Because you all, you know, send us a lot of 18 communications electronically. So, we need to make sure 19 20 that those are secured and protected as well. So, you 21 make a good point, and I think that's a good -- a good idea that we should get together and cooperate to make 22 sure that all of our practices are best practices and 23 we're keeping everything as secure as we can here on our 24 25 end.

1	MS. TATRO: Great. Our people are
2	certainly willing and stand ready to work with your folks.
3	COMMISSIONER JARRETT: Yes.
4	JUDGE STEARLEY: And Commissioner Kenney
5	and the Chairman have indicated they don't have any
6	further questions, and they thank you all for your
7	participation.
8	Does anyone wish to make any type of
9	closing remark or any additional comments?
10	(No response.)
11	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Well, hearing
12	none, the On-The-Record proceeding in EW-2013-0011 is
13	hereby adjourned. I thank you all very much.
14	(Adjournment.)
15	(Whereupon, the record ended at 10:55 a.m.)
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