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    Dranel J. Clark and
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    Aquilla Canada,
         Complainants,
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                              File No. EC-2024-0111
    v.
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    Union Electric Company
    d/b/a Ameren Missouri,
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         Respondent.
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                     FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024
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1	LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. We're on the
2	record. Today is February 9th, 2024. It's 10:00
3	o'clock a.m. The commission has set this time for a
4	procedural conference in the case captioned Dranel J.
5	Clark and Aquilla Canada, complainants versus Union
6	Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri,
7	respondent. It's the Public Service Commission file
8	number EC-20 2024-0111.
9	My name is Ken Seyer, and I'm the
10	regulatory law judge in this matter.
11	If a hearing is held regarding this
12	complaint, I will conduct that hearing. However, it
13	is the five commissioners who will decide whether
14	Ameren Missouri has violated any statutes, commission
15	rules or tariffs.
16	Do you understand what I'm saying,
17	Ms. Canada?
18	AQUILLA CANADA: Yes, I can hear you.
19	LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. But do you
20	understand what I'm saying, I if we
21	AQUILLA CANADA: No. I
22	LAW JUDGE SEYER: This goes to
23	AQUILLA CANADA: I'm having a hard time
24	making out exactly what you said. If you could
25	explain it a little bit better, that would be great.



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1 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Yeah, yeah. So assuming 2 this goes to a hearing, a formal hearing, I would be 3 the judge on that hearing, but I don't decide what happens in your case. It's the five commissioners 4 5 that will hear -- hear the evidence and make a 6 decision in your case. 7 AQUILLA CANADA: Okay. Okay. LAW JUDGE SEYER: So one of the things I 8 9 want to do to start off with is, have the attorneys 10 make their entries of appearance, beginning with the 11 attorneys for Ameren Missouri. 12 MS. MOORE: Yes, Your Honor. Appearing on 13 behalf of Ameren Missouri, Jennifer Moore and Jennifer Our business address is 1901 Chouteau 14 Hernandez. 15 Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63166. 16 All right. Thank you. LAW JUDGE SEYER: 17 For the staff of the commission. 18 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you, Judge. On behalf 19 of staff, this is Travis Pringle, P.O. Box 360, 20 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. 21 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Thank you. 22 And I'm not seeing anyone from the Office of Public Counsel. 23 So I assume that they are not on. 24 Judge, this is Marc Poston. MR. POSTON: 25 I'm on.



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- 1 LAW JUDGE SEYER: He's on. And for the
- 2 | sake of the record, your first name is M-A-R-C?
- MR. POSTON: M-A-R-C, right. P-O-S-T-O-N.
- 4 | From the Office of Public Counsel.
- 5 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. Thank you.
- 6 | Thank you, Mr. Poston.
- 7 | So we do have -- and -- well, I should also
- 8 ask Ms. Canada to -- to go ahead and state and spell
- 9 her name.
- 10 AQUILLA CANADA: My name is Aquilla Canada.
- 11 | I am the complainant. My name is spelled
- 12 | A-Q-U-I-L-L-A, last name is Canada, same spelling as
- 13 the country, C-A-N-A-D-A. And I reside at 9240
- 14 | Waldorf Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63136.
- 15 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. Thank you.
- 16 So we are -- we are at a point in your
- 17 | case, Ms. Canada, where you filed your complaint.
- 18 Ameren Missouri has filed their answer. I asked the
- 19 | staff to conduct a bit of an investigation, and
- 20 | they've filed a report. So really, the next step in
- 21 | the proceedings would be an evidentiary hearing. I
- 22 | don't know -- well, I should say it this way. We need
- 23 to get an evidentiary hearing on the calendar assuming
- 24 | that this is a case that cannot be settled in some
- 25 | way.



AQUILLA CANADA:

That sounds good to me.

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2	was just speaking with Mr. Clark when we were
3	listening to everyone introduce themselves, and he
4	definitely does want to take it to that level if need
5	be. We have no problem with that, so.
6	UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Inaudible).
7	LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Okay. I just I
8	want to make sure you understand that, that hearing
9	will be a formal hearing, somewhat like a trial, in
-0	that each party will present evidence whether it be
.1	witness testimony, documents, so forth. There will be
_2	cross examination. There will be questions from
_3	from me, from from the commissioners, and that's
_4	that's one of the reasons I wanted to have this
_5	conference is to make sure you understood all of that.
-6	AQUILLA CANADA: Yes. We we understand
_7	completely. And that's fine with us. We are some
-8	of our questions that I had concerns with was the
_9	evidence that we had, we're not sure you all received
20	all of it, and there's there's other things that
21	we're not sure how we present them, whether it be
22	presented before the time of the evidence be
23	hearing or or how because we're having issues
24	just technically getting everything over to you. It
25	seems like we're sending stuff. It's not getting out,

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- 1 and then we don't find out until a later date that it
- 2 | hasn't been received. So we just want to make sure we
- 3 get all of our information -- you know, dot our Is and
- 4 cross our Ts.
- 5 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Uh-huh. Well, any --
- 6 any -- any documents, let's say, that you wish to
- 7 present during the hearing would go through kind of a
- 8 formal process where --
- 9 AQUILLA CANADA: Okay.
- 10 LAW JUDGE SEYER: -- hopefully all the
- 11 parties would have a chance to see that ahead of time
- 12 and would be --
- 13 AQUILLA CANADA: Right.
- 14 LAW JUDGE SEYER: -- prepared whether to --
- 15 | whether they wanted to object to those documents
- 16 | coming into evidence.
- 17 AQUILLA CANADA: Okay.
- 18 LAW JUDGE SEYER: So that's really --
- 19 | that's really up to the parties to make sure they --
- 20 | they all have copies of -- of the -- the evidence that
- 21 | they're planning on presenting during the hearing, and
- 22 | I generally, as judge, try to stay out of that unless
- 23 there's some issue.
- 24 AQUILLA CANADA: Is there a certain place
- 25 that I should be sending this, because it just seems



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- 1 like when I try to upload it into the EFIS system, I'm
- 2 | having issues with that, so. And -- it doesn't help
- 3 | that I'm blind, but Mr. Clark has been trying to
- 4 | upload stuff as well, so -- but it just doesn't seem
- 5 like it's going through. So just communication wise,
- 6 is there anywhere else we should be sending it?
- 7 LAW JUDGE SEYER: That's a little outside
- 8 of -- of my realm of my comfort zone because I'm not
- 9 involved in that. I would -- I mean, it could always
- 10 be mailed to the other parties.
- 11 AQUILLA CANADA: Okay.
- 12 LAW JUDGE SEYER: But I don't know --
- 13 AQUILLA CANADA: Should I -- Mr. Pringle,
- 14 | should I just continue to send in things via e-mail
- 15 or --
- MR. PRINGLE: Ms. Canada, so I guess for
- 17 | that portion, sending stuff to staff because our
- 18 report is done --
- 19 AQUILLA CANADA: Oh, okay.
- 20 MR. PRINGLE: -- sending it to us, we
- 21 | really -- we wouldn't really be able to do much with
- 22 | it at this point. That's why the judge described it
- 23 bringing at the hearing, but that's probably, to me,
- 24 the best avenue for you.
- 25 AQUILLA CANADA: Okay. Well, we

1 would -- we would definitely like to set that up 2 because -- if that's okay. 3 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. And the -let me ask you, Mr. Pringle, as far as coming up with 4 5 a joint procedural schedule, how much time would you need to get with the other parties and -- and file 6 7 that? 8 MR. PRINGLE: I would love it if we can 9 come up with one after we go off the record today. Ι 10 can't imagine it taking more than a week, ten days, so 11 no later than the week after next, I would think. 12 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Uh-huh. 13 AOUILLA CANADA: Okay. I'm looking at a 14 LAW JUDGE SEYER: 15 calendar. That would be about the 23rd of the month. 16 So what I'm -- what I'm saying, Ms. Canada, 17 is, I would give the parties a couple of weeks to 18 present a schedule that would include that evidentiary 19 hearing date. So the evidentiary hearing date 20 wouldn't happen in a couple of weeks, but hopefully, 21 we would all -- all the parties could agree on the 22 date of the hearing, the location of the hearing, 23 whether it would be conducted in person here at -- in 24 Jefferson City or whether it would be at some other 25 location. That's all up to you all to -- to get with

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Τ	each other and hopefully agree on.
2	AQUILLA CANADA: Okay. Okay.
3	LAW JUDGE SEYER: And then one other thing
4	I want to kind of emphasize today is, you and
5	Mr. Clark, you're the complainants. So you bear the
6	burden of proof. So you it it will be up to you
7	at the hearing to present enough evidence to convince
8	the commissioners, the five commissioners, that Ameren
9	Missouri has has violated a statute or a or a
10	commission rule or a some some provision of
11	their tariff, the the the rules that they have
12	to go by when dealing with their customers, so I
13	just I guess what I want to make sure you
14	understand is, it's not simply a matter of just
15	saying, here's my complaint, here here are my
16	allegations. You also have to present evidence that
17	convinces the commissioners that these things have
18	happened and
19	AQUILLA CANADA: I understand.
20	LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Perfect.
21	AQUILLA CANADA: I understand.
22	LAW JUDGE SEYER: Is it possible for you to
23	stay on the line and possibly work with Ameren's
24	attorneys and Mr. Pringle as far as maybe possibly
25	hashing out some some dates for the hearing and



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- 1 and the things leading up to the hearing?
- 2 AQUILLA CANADA: I do have -- I think I
- 3 | can -- I can spare me maybe about ten minutes.
- 4 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay.
- 5 AQUILLA CANADA: I -- I have to get on the
- 6 clock after that, but --
- 7 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Gotcha.
- 8 AQUILLA CANADA: -- I definitely can -- if
- 9 | it wouldn't take too long for us to try to come up
- 10 | with something, I definitely can do that.
- 11 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. And let me ask,
- 12 Mr. Pringle, and Ms. Moore, Ms. Hernandez, and
- 13 Mr. Poston, do you -- as part of that procedural
- 14 | schedule, do you plan on filing pre-filed testimony?
- MR. PRINGLE: My opinion would be to leave
- 16 | that to the complainants' decision. I know from
- 17 | staff, typically, we'll stand on our report, but we'll
- 18 definitely discuss that.
- 19 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. I'll leave
- 20 | that all up to you once I get off here, so.
- Is there anything else that the parties
- 22 | wish to take up before I go ahead and leave this
- 23 | conference and --
- 24 AQUILLA CANADA: I just wanted to make sure
- 25 | that everyone knows that we are serious about our



Procedural Conference Page 11 1 complaint, and we're not just trying to waste the 2 Court's time or anything like that at all. 3 want to make sure that we're heard because it has been 4 a ongoing issue. We continue to pay our utilities as 5 expected on time, so that isn't the issue. 6 want to make sure that we're heard. That's all. 7 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Okay. 8 AQUILLA CANADA: Yeah. 9 LAW JUDGE SEYER: Well --(Inaudible) hear you. 10 AOUILLA CANADA: 11 LAW JUDGE SEYER: All right. Well, then 12 I'm going to adjourn the conference. If everyone will 13 stay on the line, those people that -- the attorneys 14 for -- for the parties would stay on the line and 15 possibly see how far they can get, as far as a 16 procedural schedule, that would be perfect. But I'm 17 going to go ahead and adjourn the conference, adjourn 18 the hearing, and go off the record, so. 19 AQUILLA CANADA: Sounds good. Thank you. 20 (Audio ended.) 21 22

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