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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

In the Matter of the Application)
of Union Electric Company d/b/a)
Ameren Missouri for Permission)
and Approval and Certificates of) File No. EA-2024-0237
Public Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct a Simple Cycle Natural)
Gas Generation Facility)

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RILEY FEWELL, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

Glen Kolkmeyer

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1 (Inaudible conversation.)

2 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: We have Ann Callenbach.
3 I think everyone was asking for that identification.
4 We have an intern for the PSC that is Caitlin King.
5 Claire Eubanks is a witness for the PSC. Emily
6 Pionpek, if I pronounced that right, I apologize, from
7 Renew Missouri. We have Commissioner Glen Kolkmeier,
8 Jim Lowery from Ameren, Mark Johnson who is our chief
9 staff counsel, Michael Tripp, I think, also for
10 Ameren, Nathan Williams from OPC, Nicole Mers from
11 Renew, Paul Graham from staff, and Tim Opitz from
12 MCEG. And although, I did that myself, I am going to
13 have you guys enter your own appearances shortly as
14 well.

15 So today is July 1st, 2024. It is
16 10:07 a.m. The commission has set this time for a
17 prehearing conference. In the case captioned as in
18 the matter of the application of Union Electric
19 Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri for
20 permission and approval and certificates of public
21 convenience and necessity and authorizing it to
22 construct a simple cycle natural gas generation
23 facility. That is file number EA-2024-0237. My name
24 is Riley Fewell, and I'm the regulatory judge in this
25 matter. We'll begin with the attorneys making their

1 entries of appearance. There is not a court reporter
2 this morning, but the conference is being recorded to
3 be transcribed later. If we can start with Ameren
4 Missouri.

5 MR. LOWERY: Thank you, Judge. Jim Lowery
6 and Mike Tripp, JBL, LLC, 9020 South Barry Road,
7 Columbia, Missouri 65201, on behalf of Ameren.

8 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And the
9 commission staff. Oh, I think we lost them. Maybe.

10 MR. GRAHAM: We were muted. Your Honor,
11 can you hear me now? This is Paul Graham.

12 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: We can hear you now.

13 MR. GRAHAM: Hello? Okay. Yeah. My phone
14 requires me to unmute repeatedly. This is Paul Graham
15 for the staff of the Missouri Public Service
16 Commission. I believe our address is on file, but
17 we're at 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri
18 65101, 8th floor.

19 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Graham.
20 And the Office of Public Counsel. Mr. Williams, you
21 may be muted as well.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Can you hear me now?

23 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: We can hear you now.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: All right. Nathan Williams,
25 chief deputy public counsel, Governor Office Building,

1 P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,
2 appearing on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel
3 and the public.

4 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And we have
5 intervenors, Renew Missouri. Ms. Mers, you're still
6 muted as well.

7 MS. MERS: Can you guys -- sorry about
8 that. That -- that star 67, I think, is throwing all
9 of us off instead of the traditional unmute. Anyway,
10 it's Nicole Mers with Renew Missouri. It's 915 East
11 Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201. I also have
12 Emily Pionpek here. She will be a witness in the
13 case, is not an attorney but has been introduced, so I
14 wanted to clarify that. Thank you.

15 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And Midwest
16 Energy Consumers Group.

17 MR. OPITZ: Good morning, Your Honor. Tim
18 Opitz on behalf of MECG.

19 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And Grain Belt
20 Express?

21 MS. CALLENBACH: Judge, can you hear me?

22 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: We can hear you now.

23 MS. CALLENBACH: Thank you. Yes. Ann
24 Callenbach of the law firm Polsinelli, PC. Address is
25 900 West 48th Place, Suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri

1 64112. And we are appearing in this matter on behalf
2 of intervenor, Grain Belt Express.

3 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And this
4 procedural conference was called to address how we'll
5 proceed in this matter and whether a party desires a
6 hearing and/or local public hearings. I did want to
7 begin by addressing the interventions. Are there any
8 objections to Renew Missouri, MECG or Grain Belt? And
9 I'll ask them individually. I'll just need a yes or
10 no. And if you do have an objection to file that
11 later, but for Renew Missouri.

12 MR. LOWERY: None from the company, Your
13 Honor.

14 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. I take that as a
15 no. It sounds like from the other two. MECG.

16 MR. LOWERY: No. No for the company. No
17 objection.

18 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And Grain Belt.

19 MR. LOWERY: Also no objection. Company.

20 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And Mr. Graham,
21 Mr. Williams just interrupt me if you do have
22 objections there. Next question is, just how we're
23 going to resolve this, since we have a -- an operation
24 law day December 31st, we'll need to kind of speed
25 things up. Good thing Mr. Lowery filed immediately.

1 So for procedural schedule, would the parties be
2 available to provide that by July 10th?

3 MR. LOWERY: Judge, this is Jim Lowery.

4 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes.

5 MR. LOWERY: I would suggest by the 15th,
6 but we --

7 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: That's fine.

8 MR. LOWERY: -- could do it by the 10th.
9 You know, typically, what we do is, after the formal
10 on the record portion, we'll -- the parties will get
11 together and discuss that. The company does have some
12 specific thoughts that we have not talked to the
13 parties about, but we are prepared to do that this
14 morning. And I guess with that, that'll give us a
15 little bit more time to try to work something out, and
16 we can agree upon, hopefully. And get that to you no
17 later than the 15th. We'd like to do it sooner, but
18 no later if that's okay with you.

19 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yep. Deadline the 15th
20 is fine, and I'll put that in the order as well. And
21 with that, you can go through, again, a hearing, any
22 local public hearings. I know Mr. Williams had
23 addressed that in his request he filed.

24 MR. LOWERY: And --

25 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Go ahead.

1 MR. LOWERY: I was going to say, Judge, the
2 company does not have any objection to OPC's request
3 for public hearings either. The one virtual and the
4 one live, and we can talk about the dates on those as
5 well, but we contemplated just including -- suggested
6 dates in the schedule.

7 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And I'm going to
8 require at least one settlement conference as well in
9 the procedural conference or the procedural schedule,
10 rather. For timing, I'll not be available on the 26th
11 of July and September 2nd to the 6th and October 14th
12 to the 18th. So anything with me in there -- and I
13 can repeat those dates if necessary. I won't be
14 available those days, but otherwise, are there any
15 other issues that the parties need to go over at this
16 time?

17 MR. LOWERY: None from the company.

18 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay.

19 MS. CALLENBACH: Judge, can you please
20 repeat that September date?

21 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes. September 2nd to
22 the 6th. Week of Labor Day.

23 MS. CALLENBACH: Oh. Great. Thank you.
24 Appreciate that.

25 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yep. And then it was

1 October 14th to 18 and the 26th of July. Okay. I
2 think I'll hop off here. And, so Ms. Walthers and
3 some others, and you guys can discuss here anything
4 that you need additional. Thank you guys. Have a
5 good day.

6 MR. LOWERY: Thank you, Judge.

7 (Audio ended.)

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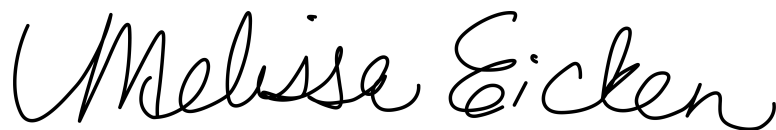
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