Page 1 1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI 2 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS 3 PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE 4 5 In the Matter of Union Electric ) 6 Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's ) Tariffs to Adjust its Revenues )File No. ER-2024-0319 for Electric Service 7 ) 8 9 TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 10 1:00 P.M. 11 Jefferson City, MO 65101 via WebEx 12 13 VOLUME 1 14 15 JOHN CLARK, Presiding SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE 16 17 18 (Due to the quality of the recorded media, portions were unable to be transcribed and include inaudible 19 portions. The transcript may also include 20 misinterpreted words and/or unidentified speakers. The transcriber was not present at the time of the 21 recording; therefore, this transcript should not be considered verbatim.) 2.2 23 TRANSCRIBED BY: MELISSA EICKEN 24 25



1	Page 2 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Let's go on the record.				
2	We don't have a court reporter present today. What				
3	we've been doing with these procedural conferences is				
4	recording them, and then sending them out to be				
5	transcribed, and then that transcript will be posted				
6	in EFIS. I appreciate everybody letting me move the				
7	procedural conference today. Apparently, there was a				
8	conference the other day in Room 305, and it's my				
9	understanding that it may not yield a very good				
10	transcript due to audio problems.				
11	Now, the commission has set aside this time				
12	for a procedural conference procedural conference				
13	in the case captioned as in the matter of Union				
14	Electric Company, doing business as Ameren Missouri's				
15	tariffs to adjust its revenues for electric service,				
16	and that is file number ER-2024-0319. If I didn't say				
17	so already, today's date is July 23rd, 2024. And the				
18	current time is 1:01 p.m., and this procedural				
19	conference is being conducted via Webex. At this time				
20	I'm going to ask for appearances for parties that are				
21	already entered in, starting with Ameren Missouri.				
22	MR. LOWERY: Good afternoon, Judge. This				
23	is Jim Lowery appearing on behalf of Ameren Missouri.				
24	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Lowery.				
25	MS. TATRO: Good afternoon, Judge. This is				

1	Page 3 Wendy Tatro on behalf of Ameren Missouri.					
2	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Tatro. On					
3	behalf of commission staff, is there anyone here on					
4	behalf of commission staff? Okay. That presents a					
5	small problem for me. I'm going to mute for just a					
6	second while I e-mail them. Okay. I have I have					
7	e-mailed staff to see if they can get an attorney here					
8	to participate in this conference since I think					
9	they're crucial since I'm going to be discussing a					
10	procedural schedule. And Emily, would you mind giving					
11	staff a call and also letting them know that they					
12	(inaudible).					
13	EMILY WALTHERS: Yes, sir. I'll give them					
14	a shout.					
15	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. We'll go off					
16	the record for a moment.					
17	MR. JOHNSON: On behalf of commission					
18	staff, Mark Johnson.					
19	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you.					
20	MR. JOHNSON: Sorry. Address is 200					
21	Madison Street.					
22	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you very much. On					
23	behalf of the Office of Public Counsel.					
24	MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, chief					
25	deputy, public counsel.					



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1	Page4 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Williams.				
2	Have I missed anybody who's already a party to this				
3	case? I don't believe so.				
4	DIANA: Diana (inaudible) from MIEC.				
5	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Have I granted				
6	intervention as of yet?				
7	DIANA: I believe so.				
8	LAW JUDGE CLARK: I may have.				
9	MR. LOWERY: Judge, this is Jim Lowery. I				
10	don't believe you have granted intervention in any of				
11	the intervenors yet.				
12	LAW JUDGE CLARK: I don't think so as of				
13	yet. But thank you. Why don't I go through the				
14	intervenors that are the parties that have filed				
15	applications to intervene just to see who's present.				
16	I heard Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers. Anyone				
17	here on behalf of Sierra Club?				
18	MR. MORRISON: Bruce Morrison on behalf of				
19	Sierra Club and also on behalf of Metropolitan				
20	Congregations United, and with apologies, I've also				
21	got one ear on a different Public Service Commission				
22	via proceeding covering for Sarah Rubenstein				
23	(phonetic). She'll she'll be joining that in about				
24	30 minutes, and then my attention won't be a little				
25	bit divided as it is right now.				

1	Page5 LAW JUDGE CLARK: I understand. Well,				
2	thank you, Mr. Morrison, on behalf of Sierra Club and				
3	Metropolitan Congregations United. I don't anticipate				
4	this conference taking that long. Anyone here on				
5	behalf of Consumers Council of Missouri?				
6	MR. KOFFMAN: Yes, Your Honor. This is				
7	John Koffman (phonetic). I don't know if you can hear				
8	me. I'm on the phone. But I again, John Koffman				
9	appearing on behalf of the Consumers Council of				
10	Missouri. And also, appearing on behalf of AARP.				
11	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you on				
12	thank you, Mr. Koffman, on behalf of Consumers Council				
13	of Missouri and AARP. Anyone here from Renew				
14	Missouri?				
15	MS. MERS: Nicole Mers (phonetic) from				
16	Renew Missouri.				
17	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Mers. And				
18	from Midwest Energy Consumers Group or MECG.				
19	MR. OPITZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Tim				
20	Opitz on behalf of MECG.				
21	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you,				
22	Mr. Opitz. And Mr. Felber (phonetic), I've noticed				
23	that you are on as well. You filed an application to				
24	intervene today; is that correct?				
25	MR. FELBER: Yes, Your Honor, I did. I do				



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1	Page6 run a consumer energy assistance nonprofit that has			
2	not taken a stance or anything, so I haven't had my			
3	counsel on that take a filing yet, but I just wanted			
4	to go ahead and file something for now.			
5	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Now, the commission's			
б	July 1st order set the 22nd as the deadline for			
7	applications to intervene, so. Technically, your			
8	application to intervene is out of time. And, so I'll			
9	allow you to be here today. I'm not going to allow			
10	you to participate.			
11	MR. FELBER: Okay.			
12	LAW JUDGE CLARK: The commission is going			
13	to have to take up granting your application to			
14	intervene as look at it and examine it as a late			
15	filed; okay?			
16	MR. FELBER: All right. Thank you, Your			
17	Honor.			
18	LAW JUDGE CLARK: All right. I think is			
19	there anybody that I have missed? I don't believe so.			
20	I set this procedural conference. It's it's I			
21	want the parties to understand that with these rate			
22	cases, the commission is endeavoring to move them as			
23	quickly as possible. And, so to that end, we wanted			
24	to give and I believe staff has asked for more			
25	control, rather, than having the commission set a			

1	Page hearing date up front allowing the parties to work			
2	together to set a hearing date, and I want the parties			
3	be able to do that, but I want them to do that with			
4	some perimeters, so. I want you to take into account			
5	the following assumptions. If we're looking at an			
6	operation of law date, which I believe is June the 1st			
7	of 2025, then if you go back, the next agenda before			
8	that would be either Wednesday, May 28th or Thursday,			
9	May 29th. I want the parties to take into			
10	consideration that it would need 10 days for any			
11	commission order to be effective from the point it's			
12	issued. It usually takes me, with these larger cases,			
13	about a month of drafting, so. Try and build that			
14	into the procedural schedule. The way things have			
15	been going with these larger cases, you can expect			
16	probably two agenda discussions, so would be my			
17	thought on that, so. If there's going to be a number			
18	of issues factor in two two discussions for the			
19	commissions to make decisions prior to the drafting of			
20	their order. And we have not had any luck recently			
21	due to the shortage of court reporters expediting			
22	transcripts beyond five days, so. Assuming that the			
23	commission agrees to expedite transcripts, figure at			
24	least five days to get transcripts back from the time			
25	of the hearing. And finally, the last assumption I			

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1	Page 8 would like the parties to consider is to allow a week			
2	or two between final briefs, and the first commission			
3	agenda discussions for me to write my memo and			
4	properly provide the commission with an overview of			
5	the case from which they will make their decisions.			
б	Does anybody have any questions regarding those?			
7	MR. LOWERY: Not from the company, Your			
8	Honor.			
9	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I hear none. That			
10	is all I wanted to say in regarding regarding a			
11	procedural schedule, maybe set a deadline for one.			
12	Did I already set one? I don't believe I did.			
13	MR. LOWERY: No, you did not, Judge.			
14	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. How long staff,			
15	Ameren, how long do you believe is a reasonable amount			
16	of time to put together a procedural schedule with			
17	those perimeters in mind?			
18	MR. LOWERY: Judge, I would this is Jim			
19	Lowery. I would I guess ask give us I mean,			
20	I don't think it'll take until August 2nd, but that's			
21	just a little over a week. I'm hoping we'll get it			
22	done before then, but if we have until then, that			
23	would probably be helpful just in case.			
24	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Staff and public			
25	counsel?			



1	Page9 MR. JOHNSON: I I agree with Mr. Lowery.			
2	I don't think it should take very long. Two weeks			
3	would be ample time, but I would I would think the			
4	parties can probably get something filed before then.			
5	Say two weeks would be August 6th.			
6	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Mr. Williams.			
7	MR. WILLIAMS: I think for the parties you			
8	mentioned that's probably sufficient. I don't know			
9	about the potential for intervenors who have not been			
10	granted intervention yet.			
11	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Well, I was going to			
12	address that a little bit later. I think since you			
13	brought it up, it may be germane to go ahead and			
14	address that now. With the exception of Mr. Felber			
15	whose late filed application will still have to be			
16	addressed by the commission, I've received			
17	applications to intervene from MIEC, Sierra Club,			
18	Consumers Council of Missouri, Renew, AARP,			
19	Metropolitan Congregation United, MECG. Is there any			
20	reason do any parties need additional time to vet			
21	any of those applications? Or does anybody have an			
22	objection to me asking if there are objections to			
23	granting intervention to those parties now?			
24	MR. LOWERY: Judge, this is Jim Lowery on			
25	behalf of the company. We don't have any objection to			



1	Page 10 the intervention request of those parties. I'll just				
2	state for the record that we will have an objection to				
3	Mr. Felber's intervention on on probably multiple				
4	grounds, but we don't have an objection to those other				
5	parties.				
6	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Well, I'll give				
7	the I'll give the 10 days for responses to				
8	Mr. Felber's application. On behalf of staff, is				
9	there any objection from staff to any of those parties				
10	I mentioned?				
11	MR. JOHNSON: No objection from staff.				
12	LAW JUDGE CLARK: And to the Office of				
13	Public Counsel?				
14	MR. WILLIAMS: No objections.				
15	LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. With that, I will				
16	grant intervention to MIEC, Sierra Club, Consumers				
17	Council of Missouri, Renew Missouri, AARP,				
18	Metropolitan Congregation United, MECG. And I will				
19	I'm not in the office at the moment, so I will				
20	memorialize that in an order granting those				
21	applications tomorrow.				
22	Now, with that in mind, do OPC, you said				
23	you were fine. Do any of the if I were to set an				
24	outside date of August 7th for submission of a				
25	proposed procedural schedule, are there any				

1	Page 11 intervenors that would object to that? I hear none.			
2	Okay. And I will memorialize this in an order			
3	tomorrow morning as well. I will set August the 7th			
4	for a proposed procedural schedule for a status report			
5	informing the commission when they can expect a			
б	procedural schedule. That is all I wanted to address			
7	at this procedural conference. Is there anything else			
8	that any other parties wanted to address at this time?			
9	I hear none. Again, thank you for accommodating the			
10	two changes in the in this procedural schedule I			
11	made. I will now adjourn this procedural schedule and			
12	will go off the record. Adjourn this procedural			
13	conference and go off the record.			
14	(Audio ended.)			
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