

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Ameren Transmission Company )  
of Illinois for a Certificate of )  
Convenience and Necessity Under ) File No. EA-2024-0302  
Section 393.170.1, RSMo. )  
Relating to Transmission )  
Investments in Northwest and )  
Northeast Missouri )

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RILEY FEWELL, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1                   LAW JUDGE FEWELL: The Commission -- sorry.  
2 Today is June 9th. It is approximately 1:15 p.m. The  
3 Commission has set this time for a procedural  
4 conference in the case captioned as in the matter of  
5 the application of Ameren Transmission Company of  
6 Illinois for a certificate of convenience and  
7 necessity under Section 393.170.1, Revised Statutes of  
8 Missouri relating to transmission investments in  
9 northwest and northeast Missouri. That is Case Number  
10 EA-2024-0302.

11                   My name is Riley Fewell. I'm the  
12 regulatory law judge in this matter. We'll begin with  
13 the attorneys making their entries of appearance.  
14 There's not a court reporter with us this afternoon,  
15 but the conference will be recorded for it to be  
16 transcribed at a later date.

17                   If we can start with ATXI.

18                   MR. FOSCO: Thank you, Your Honor. Carmen  
19 Fosco with the law firm of Whitt Sturtevant, LLP, 180  
20 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2020, Chicago, Illinois  
21 60601, and also appearing on behalf of ATXI is  
22 Mr. Jason Kumar with Ameren Services Company, 1901  
23 Chouteau Avenue, P.O. Box 6649, St. Louis, Missouri  
24 63166.

25                   LAW JUDGE FEWELL: All right. Thank you,

1 counsel. For the Commission staff.

2 MR. VANDERGRIFF: Good afternoon, Your  
3 Honor. I'm Eric Vandergriff joined with Travis  
4 Pringle representing staff counsel. Our address is  
5 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,  
6 65102.

7 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: For the Office of the  
8 Public Counsel.

9 MS. MARTIN: Thank you so much, Judge. My  
10 name is Anna Martin. I'm the associate counsel that  
11 is currently representing the Office of the Public  
12 Counsel in this matter. Our address is on file.

13 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And getting  
14 into the intervenors. Is anyone here for Clean Grid  
15 Alliance?

16 MS. WHEELER: Good afternoon, Your Honor.  
17 This is Elizabeth wheeler on behalf of Clean Grid  
18 Alliance. Our address is 570 Asbury Street,  
19 Suite 201, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55104.

20 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And for  
21 MISO.

22 MR. SMALL: Yes, Your Honor. My name is  
23 Jeff Small. I'm joined by my co-counsel, inside  
24 counsel, Max Meyer. I'm located at 720 City Center  
25 Drive, Caramel, Indiana, and also, appearing and on

1 this phone call is Bill Steinmeier, our outside  
2 counsel. Thank you.

3 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. For MIEC.

4 MS. WHIPPLE: Your Honor, did you mean  
5 Missouri Electric Commission?

6 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: You're correct.

7 MS. WHIPPLE: MEC.

8 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sorry.

9 MS. WHIPPLE: That's all right.

10 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: MEC.

11 MS. WHIPPLE: Peggy Whipple and Doug Healy  
12 of Healy Law Offices, 3010 East Battlefield, Suite A,  
13 Springfield, Missouri 65804.

14 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. For Renew  
15 Missouri.

16 MS. MERS: Nicole Mers on behalf of Renew  
17 Missouri, and my information has been provided in the  
18 record already. Thanks.

19 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. Sierra Club.

20 MS. STILTNER: Hi. Caitlin Stiltner  
21 appearing for Sierra Club with Great Rivers  
22 Environmental Law Center. Our address is 319 North  
23 Street -- 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

24 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. Is Mark  
25 Harding on? And if you're a call-in user, star 6 is

1 how you unmute yourself. Okay.

2 MS. WILLIS: Your Honor?

3 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes.

4 MS. WILLIS: I'm Judith Ann Willis. I'm  
5 also here on behalf of Clean Grid Alliance.

6 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sorry.

7 MS. WILLIS: You missed that. And my  
8 information is P.O. Box 10688, Jefferson City,  
9 Missouri 65110, the law office of Judith Ann Willis.

10 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you, counsel.

11 MARK HARDING: Mark Harding reporting.

12 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: You're here, Mark  
13 Harding? All right. Thank you. F. Neil Matthews?

14 NEIL MATTHEWS: That's me. Neil Matthews  
15 is here.

16 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And I heard  
17 earlier that Rochelle Hyatt isn't here. But is Kevin  
18 Hyatt here? I believe they're married, so.  
19 (Inaudible) neither. Okay. And then for  
20 McGinley-Krawczyk Farms.

21 MS. BELL: Stephanie Bell with the Law Firm  
22 of Ellinger Bell on behalf of McGinley Farms. My  
23 information is on the record.

24 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. So we set  
25 this procedural conference to discuss how we want to

1 move forward and scheduling. There was a response to  
2 staff's request filed on June 2nd where many of the  
3 parties had given specific dates for some of the  
4 deadlines, but are there any objections to those  
5 dates?

6 MR. VANDERGRIFF: Staff has objections to  
7 the dates during this period of time. With everything  
8 moving, I don't have approval for some of them.

9 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. Okay.

10 MR. SMALL: Your Honor, this is Jeff Small  
11 for MISO. I -- I think --

12 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sure.

13 MR. SMALL: If you don't mind my  
14 interjecting at this point, I think one of the  
15 problems with setting a procedural schedule is that  
16 there's not been much clarity about what the  
17 hearing -- what the scope of the hearing is. So as an  
18 example, the four property owners that have requested  
19 a hearing are limited in their advocacy as indicated  
20 by the granting of their, you know, partial --  
21 granting of their intervention requesting but limiting  
22 their participation in this proceeding. They raise --  
23 they -- they are here to advocate siting issues.

24 MISO, for instance, while we haven't filed  
25 our testimony, it's pretty well known the kind of

1 testimony that MISO files as -- I'm using MISO as an  
2 example, but we don't address any siting issues at all  
3 in our -- our advocacy, so. It's a little bit unclear  
4 as to what -- and I do not speak for other parties,  
5 but I think there are other parties that are similarly  
6 situated to MISO, and as much as they are not focused  
7 on the siting issues in this case, so, I think it  
8 would be a little bit easier to come up with dates if  
9 we had more clarity as far as what the scope of the  
10 hearing was going to be because, for instance, we have  
11 MISO's counsel has conflicts, but if we're not needed  
12 for the hearing on -- on siting issues, then our  
13 conflicts go away. So it might be easier to schedule  
14 things if we had a clearer idea of what the scope of  
15 the hearing is going to be.

16 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sure. So as you  
17 mentioned, the intervenors, they're only -- they're --  
18 we're granted intervention in a limited capacity to  
19 that issue. I -- my understanding is that most of the  
20 parties had at least discussed many of the  
21 recommendations that staff had provided. I don't  
22 remember if staff's recommendation was filed in  
23 December or at a later date. But I know that many of  
24 the parties had -- had discussed or at least shown  
25 their -- their sides on that.

1 Ms. Martin, what issues do you -- I guess,  
2 you didn't file a request for a hearing, but what  
3 issues do you anticipate your client, I guess, would  
4 argue at the hearing? I believe that's -- that's  
5 really where we're at is, we have the landowner  
6 intervenors who will be addressing the routing issue.  
7 I guess, what -- what concerns -- I -- I don't know  
8 that a response was ever filed specifically addressing  
9 the recommendation given by staff. So I'm going to  
10 put you on the -- the stand to ask.

11 MS. MARTIN: Yeah. Give me one moment. I  
12 am -- we are talking to our technical expert.

13 MR. PRINGLE: Just kind of looking at the  
14 record, Judge, it looks like OPC did file a response  
15 to the parties' revised conditions on May 2nd.

16 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: On May 2nd.

17 MR. PRINGLE: Yes.

18 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. I'll see if I can  
19 find that.

20 MR. PRINGLE: Yeah. EFIS Item Number 99.

21 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. Ms. Martin, are  
22 you there?

23 MS. MARTIN: Yes. So most of our issues  
24 were procedural, as we've kind of spelled out both in  
25 our response and -- and in our -- you know, my seventh



1 filing that we -- that we filed. And, so we were  
2 planning on really kind of taking a step backwards,  
3 reserving the right to make objections, things like  
4 that, but from this point, we thought that it was more  
5 of a landowner situation. Because they know what is  
6 happening regarding the relationship between the  
7 transmission line and their land better than we do.

8 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. I appreciate your  
9 response there.

10 MS. MARTIN: Yep.

11 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Mr. Small, does that  
12 answer -- I -- it would seem to me that the only issue  
13 to be addressed is that siting routing issue that if  
14 there's not a disagreement with the parties. I know  
15 there's been a lot filed. I didn't look super closely  
16 back into the recommendations and the responses there,  
17 but I -- it seemed like the parties have either agreed  
18 to or not objected to many of the recommendations that  
19 staff had filed.

20 MR. SMALL: That was my understanding --  
21 Your Honor, since you addressed me, I -- that was my  
22 understanding, that matters of -- could be simplified  
23 considerably from the number of parties that have  
24 actually intervened in the case if we focused on  
25 the -- on the siting issues dealing with these four

1 property owners. We can have a very limited  
2 proceeding, if that's what we're dealing with. And  
3 just have a hearing on that or we could have a hearing  
4 where we -- people file their testimony, and it's  
5 stipulated in because there's not cross examination  
6 and still have the hearing having to do with the --  
7 with the property owners, you know, live cross  
8 examination only on those limited issues, and the -- I  
9 think the worst possible option is to have a  
10 full-blown hearing when we actually don't have any  
11 dispute on these matters, so. I was hoping that we  
12 could simplify matters in this prehearing conference  
13 by, you know, limiting the scope of the -- of the  
14 hearing that we're -- that has been requested.

15 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Are there any objections  
16 from either parties to handling it either of those  
17 ways? I -- I -- I --

18 MARK HARDING: Your Honor, if I could  
19 speak, this is Mark Harding.

20 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sure.

21 MARK HARDING: Just speaking to the  
22 gentleman who just spoke, I'm in agreement that there  
23 is a broader picture here that the intervenors such as  
24 myself are not interested in, however, you can't  
25 discuss the routing issues that exist, particularly,

1 the rerouting issues without discussing the adherence  
2 to the regulations by this applicant, so it -- I think  
3 you can't limit the scope of the hearing too much  
4 because it needs to be established -- some clarity  
5 needs to be provided with the use of the regulations,  
6 particularly as this applicant uses them. And, so I  
7 would respectfully ask for that to be considered by  
8 all parties.

9 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. Thank you for  
10 your thoughts, Mr. Harding.

11 NEIL MATTHEWS: Your Honor.

12 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes.

13 NEIL MATTHEWS: This is Neil Matthews  
14 and --

15 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Uh-huh.

16 NEIL MATTHEWS: -- some of us that became  
17 intervenors really were late to this. I became aware  
18 of this in January, February -- I forget exactly what  
19 the date is because I was not notified. The previous  
20 group NextEra about two years ago made a very clear --  
21 a goal of notifying all of us as landowners when they  
22 attempted to basically put transmission lines through  
23 the property that many of us in North County own  
24 and -- own for many years, so. Because I'm late to  
25 this discussion, the context and the other issues are

1 oddly important for me to understand, if it has to do  
2 with my -- I may have less concern once I learn the  
3 larger context, so. I missed out on about eight  
4 months worth of discussions and public hearings that  
5 took place, and I guess, I could apologize for that,  
6 but I'm not going to because there was no other  
7 attempt other than a couple of letters that I  
8 eventually got and primarily because of a wrong  
9 address, but I'm not against a larger -- just to see  
10 who the parties are. I know there were, in my case,  
11 at least what I'm learning, there were several routes  
12 that were reviewed, and I'm interested in how this  
13 came about that all at once here more recently that  
14 the route that goes through my farm was -- became a  
15 transmission line routing, and there were some -- an  
16 earlier one or two that I thought were going to be  
17 discovered.

18 Matter of fact, I'd asked that question.  
19 They said, oh, no, no, no. It's going to go to a  
20 western route, and I forgot about it for a month or  
21 so. So I just -- I'm weighing in and saying, I've got  
22 context that's important to me in relationship to the  
23 issues that I have with routing and maybe others who  
24 contribute to my overall knowledge would be quite  
25 interesting to me how that's chosen, and that's my two

1 cents worth, if it's an evidentiary hearing for a  
2 limited number of us with limited ability to intervene  
3 or whether you want to hear it in the context of large  
4 issues, I got larger issues associated with these  
5 transmission lines coming across my farm, and I'm also  
6 interested in that context, and I'm -- I know I'm  
7 missing that context because I wasn't party to the  
8 earlier conversations that took place probably in the  
9 fall -- took place in the fall of '24.

10 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay.

11 MR. SMALL: Your Honor, again, Jeff Small.  
12 I -- I've listened to Mr. Harding and Mr. Matthews and  
13 the -- the -- the separation, the -- the clarity that  
14 I was discussing earlier was largely -- really was  
15 about distinguishing the need arguments from the  
16 siting or routing issues. I did not hear Mr. Harding  
17 or Mr. Matthews say anything about the need issues. I  
18 just heard them say that they had additional concerns  
19 having to do with the siting or the routing issue, so  
20 I just want to make it clear. I don't think that  
21 Mr. Harding or Mr. Matthews contradicted me.

22 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yeah. That was my  
23 understanding as well. I think that, that will be  
24 covered especially if, you know, the -- the parties,  
25 if I order the parties to have, you know, written

1 testimony or -- or again live is just as fine for me.  
2 I know at least some parties have said that scheduling  
3 may be problematic. To that point, July 29th was  
4 mentioned as a day. I don't know that we can do that  
5 day. I know of at least one commissioner that won't  
6 be available. If not others, I think it's -- is it  
7 (inaudible) has another thing, one of the two. Mark  
8 conference. Hold up. I was looking at that wrong.  
9 Sorry, his name is Marcus. The end of this month, so.  
10 I don't know that, that day would work. I know  
11 some -- a party, it was unnamed in the filing. I saw  
12 had said September dates. I don't know that we need  
13 to go that far, but looking at August, would that be a  
14 doable time for the parties, and you all come up with  
15 available dates in that time period?

16 MR. VANDERGRIFF: Your Honor --

17 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes, Mr. --

18 MR. VANDERGRIFF: -- I just want to speak  
19 out for Ms. Hyatt who sent an e-mail before. She  
20 wrote an e-mail saying that she is looking for  
21 counsel. She's not been able to obtain counsel  
22 because of available conflicts, so on and so forth,  
23 so. That landowner requested for at least a September  
24 hearing just to look for counsel. Preferably going  
25 all the way out until November to obtain counsel. I

1 said I put this before the Commission so. That's  
2 what's going on.

3 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay.

4 NEIL MATTHEWS: Your Honor, again, this is  
5 Neil Matthews.

6 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Uh-huh.

7 NEIL MATTHEWS: I was the party that,  
8 basically, put it out in September, essentially,  
9 because there seemed to be a confusion on July, July,  
10 August, and I'm doing it for a couple of reasons. One  
11 is that I've been in the process of -- of considering  
12 the -- an application or an -- an application of being  
13 in consideration for -- what they call United States  
14 Department of Agriculture, agriculture land easements  
15 in which its permanent funding for agriculture land  
16 and that has a historic preservation and protection of  
17 open spaces and trying to get answers from the United  
18 States Department of Agriculture these days in  
19 relationship to a contract I signed associated with  
20 Grasslands National Project in which they had various  
21 restrictions on its use. I signed off on that, I  
22 think, for 25 or 30-year length of time, and I've got  
23 to figure out exactly how that interacts with -- or  
24 intersects with the need for transmission lines to  
25 come across this area, particularly since it's

1 protecting it. So some of those questions I've asked  
2 are going to take some time to get answers to, and  
3 once I do figure out whether this is a simple or a  
4 complex issue, I may very well need counsel. I'm also  
5 interested in Nebraska and a Texas study that had to  
6 do with what happened to overall land value as a  
7 result of transmission lines crossing agriculture  
8 property in those two states in which it decreased the  
9 property values, and I'm actually trying to get in  
10 contact with the authors of a couple of those to see  
11 exactly what the results of those two studies that --  
12 that -- I'm looking for -- talked about, so that's  
13 simply one of the reasons for my putting it off. I  
14 know that takes some time, and these days with short  
15 staff and the United States Department of Agriculture,  
16 it may be a couple three months before I get an answer  
17 from them or at least -- or really, even  
18 representatives inside the State of Missouri. So  
19 that's -- that was my concern is, there's some more  
20 context associated with this property that I own in  
21 relationship to plans I have for the future for it.  
22 And the understanding of what the -- the easements  
23 that's going to be required for -- for this. I know I  
24 had previously, a couple years ago, found that the  
25 NextEra had quite restrictive easements on exactly



1 what you could do and couldn't do and what was going  
2 to happen. So those are the questions that I have  
3 that may take -- may take some time before we get to  
4 the hearing.

5 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. How about, I am  
6 going to order every party to file their own  
7 procedural schedule since we have a few varying parts.  
8 I'm going to ask for at least the company's and -- and  
9 entity intervenors to give deadlines for testimony and  
10 issues and position statements. And then let's try to  
11 get a hearing at some point as soon as we can. I say  
12 this kind of jokingly, but we can't just keep pushing  
13 the case out. We do need to have a hearing date  
14 scheduled, and the longer it takes to schedule, the  
15 worse it'll be in all situations, I think. If we can  
16 just get it scheduled, I think that'll at least move  
17 all the parties a step forward. So again, I'm going  
18 to have all the parties do that, and I'll -- we'll --  
19 the Commission will decide amongst what's filed. I --  
20 I will also order the parties to give available dates  
21 in August, June and -- or sorry, August, September,  
22 and October. So file that with your proposed dates.  
23 Is there anything else we need to cover today?

24 MR. FOSCO: And Your Honor, Carmen Fosco  
25 for ATXI. Just to clarify.

1 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes, sir.

2 MR. FOSCO: Available dates, you're  
3 referring to hearing dates is what you're looking for?

4 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yes, for hearing. I  
5 don't expect it to be more than two days especially  
6 probably less than one, based on the issue that we'll  
7 have, but. Regardless, if the parties can file their  
8 available dates for a hearing, yes, sometime available  
9 dates during the month of August, September, and  
10 October.

11 MR. FOSCO: Certainly. Your Honor, if I  
12 may comment, so for instance, you know, the issue of  
13 evaluation is not an issue the Commission decides in a  
14 CCN proceeding, so that's really not something that  
15 gets decided here. I would just note that. And as we  
16 stated in the joint filing, you know, the -- you know,  
17 we need to set a procedural schedule, and we  
18 understand that, and then parties need to have time,  
19 but this case has been -- it'll be pending a year in  
20 July. This docket is getting quite old, and you know,  
21 the company has in-service dates schedule of February  
22 2028, and as we also described in our filing, there is  
23 a tree clearing window that can't commence until  
24 easements are obtained over necessarily land and --  
25 and that window is -- is -- it's -- it's a risk

1 pushing the schedule back a year, if that window is  
2 missed, so. And it's already tight. I mean, it's not  
3 a firm known thing because it depends on how long the  
4 negotiations take and if there's condemnations, but.  
5 But you know, with reasonable concerns for all  
6 parties' interest, we do propose moving forward, you  
7 know, as reasonably, expeditiously as followed. We  
8 thought we would negotiate a schedule here today, but.  
9 You know, we understand Your Honor's procedure, and  
10 that's fine. We'll file a schedule like everyone  
11 else.

12 MS. MARTIN: And Judge, I just wanted to  
13 verify, are we limiting the scope of the hearing as  
14 well; is that going to be in your -- or in your order  
15 or --

16 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yeah. It's -- it sounds  
17 like the siting issue is the only issue to be  
18 litigated really, if the parties have agreed to that.  
19 And I'll defer back to you, Mr. Fosco. Was that the  
20 case? It's what it seemed like to me.

21 MR. FOSCO: Your Honor, with OPC's  
22 clarification, that's my understanding is that, you  
23 know, putting the routing issues aside, you know, no  
24 one had raised any dispute with staff's recommendation  
25 with a revised conditions on all the other Tartan

1 criteria. So, yeah. Need, you know, financial  
2 ability, those kind of issues, my understanding is  
3 there's no contest, and we support Mr. Small's  
4 statements that, yeah, there should be a streamline  
5 way of getting that testimony into the record since  
6 it's not contested. And that the only issues at  
7 hearing would be routing issues that would be raised  
8 by parties.

9 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: All right. Are there  
10 any other questions? I'll probably give a deadline --  
11 I'll push it out a little bit to the 23rd, so two  
12 weeks.

13 MR. PRINGLE: Judge, just one thing from  
14 staff real quick, just I was wondering if rather than  
15 having each party do a full in-depth procedural  
16 schedule, I -- I know we have a e-mail thread. I  
17 don't think it would take too long for us to provide.  
18 These are the evidentiary hearing dates that parties  
19 are available for, for those three months, have the  
20 Commission pick an evidentiary hearing date, and then  
21 we can make a procedural schedule together from there.  
22 I don't know if the other parties would be open to  
23 that, but I think we could possibly get that filing  
24 together quicker than doing full procedural schedules.

25 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: If we can do that, I --

1 just -- I've already ordered one, and then we got  
2 pushed out a couple weeks already, so. If the parties  
3 are able to come up with something together and just  
4 file it in one piece, then that's fine. My concern  
5 is, I don't want to get this delayed further by  
6 waiting for the parties be able to talk. That's the  
7 concern.

8 MR. PRINGLE: And to be clear, it would  
9 still be the Commission picking the evidentiary  
10 hearing date because I think that's been the issue  
11 finding a date that works for everyone. So it would  
12 be just a -- kind of a filing showing everyone's  
13 availability for an evidentiary hearing date in those  
14 three months, and then the Commission picking one, and  
15 then we go ahead and build a procedural schedule from  
16 that evidentiary hearing date.

17 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. That works for  
18 me.

19 NEIL MATTHEWS: Your Honor, I'm not  
20 familiar with the evidentiary hearing as it relates to  
21 a topic like this. What do you allow -- do you have  
22 outside witnesses, experts in the field on routing, do  
23 you -- you know, what kinds of -- are there some  
24 perimeters or guidance, so I know exactly what to  
25 expect in that sense, we were to have a discussion of

1 not only appropriate dates, but related elements of  
2 this proceeding, so it's under the related elements of  
3 this proceeding that I'm interested in hearing someone  
4 with the knowledge and background to basically explain  
5 what this -- this procedural -- or what the elements  
6 of the -- the hearing would be consist of.

7 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: I cannot give you legal  
8 advice, but if you look -- I issued an order on the  
9 20th, and it'll have all -- several references to  
10 places on how to --

11 NEIL MATTHEWS: Okay.

12 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: -- litigate your case.  
13 Otherwise, I would hire counsel to help you with that.

14 NEIL MATTHEWS: Okay.

15 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. Is there anything  
16 else anyone wants to address today? Okay.

17 MR. PRINGLE: And Judge, will the line  
18 still be open for a few minutes just for the parties  
19 to just kind of talk real quick?

20 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Yeah. That's perfectly  
21 fine.

22 MR. PRINGLE: Okay.

23 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: All right. We'll leave  
24 it open for you all to discuss. Everyone, have a good  
25 afternoon. This hearing -- this conference is

1 adjourned.

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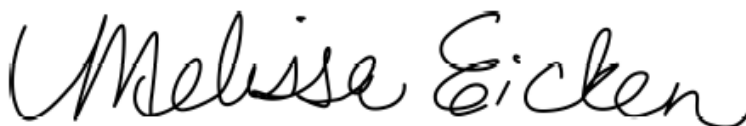
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