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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of White
River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. For
Approval of Designated Service Boundaries
Within Portions of Christian, County Missouri

Case No. EO-2025-0228

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE
VOLUME 3

1 THE COURT: Good afternoon. We're on the
2 record. This is the pre-hearing conference in case
3 number: E020250228 in the matter of the application of
4 White River Valley Electric Cooperative Incorporated for
5 approval of designated service boundaries within
6 portions of Christian County, Missouri.

7 I'm Ron Pridgin, I'm one of the judges at
8 the commission and I'm pinch-hitting for Judge Walker
9 today. This pre-hearing conference is being held via
10 WebEx on March 11th, 2026, the time is approximately
11 3:00 p.m.

12 I would like to get entries of appearance
13 from counsel, please. And let's begin with Staff,
14 please.

15 MS. KLAUS: Thank you, Judge. Alexandra
16 Klaus, on behalf of Staff, my information is in the
17 record. I'm also joined by Alan Bax from our
18 engineering analysis department who filed the staff
19 recommendation in this case.

20 THE COURT: Ms. Klaus, thank you. Any
21 entry on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel?

22 MS. MARTIN: This is Anna Martin
23 appearing on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel.

24 THE COURT: Ms. Martin, thank you. Any
25 entry on behalf of the Empire District Electric Company?

1 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter for the Empire
2 District Electric Company.

3 THE COURT: Ms. Carter, thank you. Any
4 entry on behalf of White River Valley Electric
5 Cooperative?

6 MS. MCCORD: Megan McCord on behalf of
7 White River Valley Electric Cooperative.

8 THE COURT: Ms. McCord, thank you. Have
9 I overlooked anyone who needs to enter an appearance?

10 MS. KNOWLTON: Your Honor, it's Sarah
11 Knowlton. I'm also here for Empire Electric. Thank
12 you.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Knowlton, thank you.
14 Anyone else needed to enter an appearance?

15 All right. Hearing none. Like I said, I
16 am pinch-hitting for another judge. But as much as I
17 can glean from the documentaries. I believe Judge
18 Walker set this for pre-hearing because some of the
19 parties filed a non-unanimous stipulation and agreement
20 to which Public Counsel has objected, and so here we sit
21 trying to see how this case can be resolved.

22 Typically, I would ask if the parties
23 think they could file something with the commission in
24 roughly, I'd say, a week, 10 days, maybe even the
25 following Monday, like March 23rd.

1 Would parties be able to file something
2 in the docket sheet that kind of gives me an idea of
3 whether the parties think they're going to need a
4 hearing or perhaps a stipulation or a status report,
5 just some sort of update for me and the commission to
6 kind of let me know where the case is going.

7 Is that something that you think is
8 reasonable?

9 MS. MCCORD: I think that's reasonable,
10 Judge. This is Megan McCord for White River.

11 THE COURT: Ms. McCord, thank you. Any
12 objections or any concerns with that requirement?

13 Okay. I'm not hearing anything. I'm
14 going to look for a pleading then from some or all the
15 parties no later than March 23rd.

16 And I'm going to hop off the call here in
17 just a second and let you talk. Is there anything I can
18 do for you or anything you need to bring to my attention
19 before I leave and let you talk?

20 MS. CARTER: Nothing on at Empires.
21 Thanks, Judge.

22 THE COURT: Ms Carter, thank you.

23 MS. KLAUS: No, thank you, sir.

24 THE COURT: Ms Klaus, thank you.

25 MS. MCCORD: Nothing from my end.

1 THE COURT: Hearing nothing. Very good.
2 I'm going to jump off the call, let you talk, and I will
3 look forward to getting a pleading from the parties
4 later. Thank you very much. Hope you have a good rest
5 of your day. Thank you.

6 MS. MARTIN: Thank you, Judge.

7 MS. KNOWLTON: Thanks, Judge.

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my hand this 16th day of March, 2026.



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