

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Steven Granier,)
Complainant,)
v.) Case No.: EC-2026-0357
Union Electric Company)
d/b/a Ameren Missouri,)
Respondent.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
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CHARLES HATCHER, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

KAYLA HAHN, Chair,
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,
GLEN KOLKMEYER,
JOHN MITCHELL,
COMMISSIONERS

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1 THE COURT: Good morning, everyone. This
2 is Charles Hatcher. I'm Regulatory Law Judge presiding
3 over this procedural conference. We do not have a court
4 reporter, but this will be recorded in case anyone would
5 like a transcript. Let's go ahead and we'll go on the
6 record. Today is August 5th, 2026. The Commission has
7 set this time for a prehearing conference in case number
8 EC-2026-0357. Again, there's no court reporter, but
9 this is being recorded in case anyone would like a
10 transcript -- transcription made. This conference is
11 being held solely by internet and WebEx connection.
12 Let's go ahead and have counsel for the parties make
13 their appearance. Is Mr. Granier here? And I apologize
14 if I'm mispronouncing that.

15 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yeah, that --

16 MR. GRANIER: That's fine I'm here
17 Granier.

18 THE COURT: Granier, thank you. I
19 appreciate that. And for Ameren, Missouri?

20 MS. HERNANDEZ: Jennifer Hernandez for
21 Ameren, Missouri.

22 THE COURT: Thank you. And for staff?

23 MR. PRINGLE: Travis Pringle for staff.
24 Thank you, Judge.

25 THE COURT: Thank you. And the Office of

1 the Public Counsel.

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Chief
3 Deputy Public Counsel, appearing on behalf of the Office
4 of the Public Counsel and the public in general. I
5 think our contact information is otherwise available.
6 If not, I can provide it.

7 THE COURT: No, that's all right. Thank
8 you very much.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Today we are really
11 just wanting to get together so we can talk about what
12 the next steps are in the case. We have to kind of
13 pause here because as I'm reviewing what's happened in
14 the case. Mr. Granier, Ameren, Missouri requested to
15 participate in mediation. And the Commission ordered a
16 response from you and, and never heard back. And that's
17 really the, the purpose why we're holding this
18 prehearing conference. Can you tell us what your
19 thoughts are on mediation?

20 MR. GRANIER: Yes, I -- I'm okay with
21 that and I want to apologize. So I was out on a camping
22 trip with my family when that got sent over. And then
23 by the time I got back, I had received that notification
24 about being late on that. So I'm okay to move forward
25 with mediation if that -- sure (indiscernible).

1 THE COURT: All right, that certainly is.
2 For future reference, it's certainly acceptable to go
3 ahead and, and file a late answer if you got some
4 paperwork late and, and just let the Commission and the
5 other parties know, "Hey, I got it. And I'm trying to
6 catch up." We are all here, which makes me very tempted
7 to go ahead and, and start some mediation. However,
8 we're quite restricted in that I cannot be the mediator
9 and the judge in the same case. How about this? In a
10 normal procedural or prehearing conference, I would talk
11 to the parties briefly for few minutes and I would
12 basically leave the call. I leave the -- this WebEx
13 open so that the parties and, and Mr. Granier could
14 discuss amongst themselves what they would like the next
15 steps to be or perhaps, you know, talk about settlement
16 or something along those lines. I think that might be
17 the best path, path forward is we go ahead and treat
18 this just like a normal, a prehearing conference and
19 I'll excuse myself and then let all of the parties
20 continue talking as long as you'd like, make other
21 arrangements to continue the conversation, however, you
22 want to treat it. I would ask that staff. Mr. Pringle,
23 if I can task you with a status report. The information
24 I would be looking for is whether a mediator needs to be
25 appointed.

1 MR. PRINGLE: I guess, yeah, Judge, based
2 on that, I'm thinking of -- know if the complainant and
3 Ameren can agree to it. Time and place for mediation.
4 We can just file something saying, "Hey, this is a time
5 and day available and can the Commission appoint a
6 mediator for that?"

7 THE COURT: Yeah, I, I know it's a little
8 strange, a little loose. I -- I'm kind of basing my, my
9 decision on momentum for lack of any legal strategy.
10 We've got momentum, we've got everybody here and I, I
11 really would like to see some progress made in the
12 discussions in this case. Yeah, Mr. Pringle, I'm going
13 to ask that you file that. Today is -- today is the
14 5th. I want to make that due in one week or two. I'll
15 give you your option.

16 MR. PRINGLE: Well, I guess also it's
17 pretty just procedurally. Can I also just email you?

18 THE COURT: I'll ask if anyone has any
19 thoughts before I say, yes.

20 MS. HERNANDEZ: I would -- I mean,
21 procedural communications are allowed. So I would say
22 as long as we're just putting in an email, here's the
23 times, parties are available for the mediator's
24 consideration. I think that's appropriate.

25 THE COURT: Yeah, then excellent. Let's

1 do that. Make sure and, and copy everyone. Mr.
2 Granier, I want to make sure that we've got your email
3 address. Let me check the service list real quick. You
4 are at shgranier101@gmail? Okay.

5 MR. GRANIER: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Yeah, let's do that. I, I
7 really want to take advantage of having everybody here
8 in attendance because really mediation is just that half
9 a step closer to a settlement. So we've got everybody
10 here. Everyone's prepared to discuss this, this
11 morning. Let's go ahead and do that. Mr. Pringle, if
12 you would email me and copy the other parties within a
13 week or, or a heads up that, you know, it's going to
14 take a little bit more time. What I would love to see
15 out of this meeting this morning is that all the parties
16 have found a path forward, or have found their own next
17 step to take the path forward, and then just touch base
18 with the commission and, and move forward from there.
19 That is not an arm twisting, Mr. Granier. I, I do not
20 want you to feel like you are being forced to settle.
21 We just encourage settlement. The legal system
22 encourages settlement just as a -- as a public policy
23 idea.

24 So with that, I'm going to go ahead and
25 get off the phone call. I'll leave all of you to it.

1 Again, the WebEx is yours for the taking. I do believe
2 -- oh, no, I have found out that I can transfer the --
3 whatever it's called, the host responsibilities. Let me
4 see if I can do that real quick. Mr. Pringle, thank you
5 for volunteering.

6 MR. PRINGLE: You're welcome, Judge.
7 Happy to volunteer.

8 THE COURT: Okay, let me -- let me see if
9 I can figure that out. I have to go talk to Kayla.
10 I'll let you all go ahead. I'm going to turn my
11 microphone off. Before I do that and step out of the
12 room are there any questions for me? I know this is
13 kind of taking a little bit of a left turn.

14 MS. HERNANDEZ: No questions.

15 THE COURT: I'm going to go talk with
16 Kayla to see how we can transfer the host
17 responsibilities. I really appreciate you all being
18 here. Thank you. And I wish you all the best luck.

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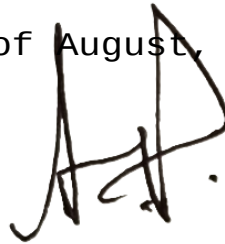
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