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Acquire Electric Transmission)
Facilities From Rolla Municipal)
Utilities And For A Certificate)
Of Public Convenience And)
Necessity To Own, Operate,)
Maintain, And Otherwise Control)
And Manage Those Facilities)

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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. We'll go on the record.
3 All right. I'm going to call the -- the case.

4 This is in the Matter In The Matter Of The
5 Application Of Ameren Transmission Company Of Illinois
6 For Authority To Acquire Electric Transmission
7 Facilities From Rolla Municipal Utilities And For A
8 Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity To Own,
9 Operate, Maintain, And Otherwise Control And Manage
10 Those Facilities. It's Case No. EA-2018-0327.

11 Of course, this is the Missouri Public
12 Service Commission and I'm Judge Paul Graham. We're
13 going to begin by having the attorneys enter their
14 appearance here. Do you want to just enter your
15 appearance? State your name for the record.

16 MR. MITTEN: Russ Mitten, Brydon, Swearingen
17 & England, 312 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City,
18 Missouri 65102. Appearing on behalf of Ameren
19 Transmission Company of Illinois.

20 JUDGE GRAHAM: And are you also here for that
21 same or who are you here for?

22 MR. PRINGLE: Staff Counsel.

23 JUDGE GRAHAM: Oh, you -- Staff Counsel --

24 MS. MERS: Yeah. We're with --

25 JUDGE GRAHAM: -- made it over here.

1 MS. MERS: Yes, we did.

2 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. Now, would you go ahead
3 and enter your appearance for me.

4 MS. MERS: Sure. This is Nicole Mers and I
5 have with me Travis Pringle appearing on behalf of the
6 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and our
7 information has been provided to the court reporter.

8 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. Great. And I guess OPC
9 is not going to be here.

10 We have an intervenor in the case, and that's
11 for the Missouri Division of Energy. Marc Poston --
12 Poston called me yesterday. I think you guys are all
13 perhaps aware of that because he emailed. He's up in
14 another hearing right now and I did -- I did, of
15 course, give him leave -- waived his appearance in this
16 case today. We may assign all sorts of duties to him,
17 I don't know. That's only fair I think.

18 As far as -- I mean, we are here for a
19 procedural conference. I guess this was set originally
20 maybe on October 23rd and then set for ten o'clock this
21 morning, and then I was asked to move it up to 9:00 and
22 so I appreciate on short notice you all showing up an
23 hour earlier. Although, I think you didn't have to
24 come far, you folks.

25 So we're here to -- to have a procedural

1 conference with a view towards getting a procedural
2 order. I don't know that there are any preliminary
3 matters to discuss here. I just kind of wondered --
4 I -- I -- I didn't -- I don't know that I need to set
5 some kind of an order or whether we need to put it into
6 the procedural order that Staff will be filing some
7 kind of a recommendation on this. I think I would like
8 to see a Staff recommendation on this. As far as
9 Mr. Poston is concerned he's in as an intervenor. I
10 guess he need not file anything if he doesn't want to,
11 but the procedural order, I would think, would -- would
12 suggest at this time for anybody to respond to the
13 Staff recommendation that wanted to. And then, I guess
14 you filed all sorts of -- there's testimony that's been
15 filed. I kind of monitored that. It looks like, what?
16 Five, six, seven, eight people?

17 MR. MITTEN: I think we have five
18 witnesses --

19 JUDGE GRAHAM: Five witnesses.

20 MR. MITTEN: -- that filed direct testimony.
21 Yes, sir.

22 JUDGE GRAHAM: So that's kind of moving
23 along. Is there any likelihood this is going to
24 settle? Or I guess nobody knows until -- until you've
25 had a chance to think through your recommendations and

1 so forth. Well --

2 MR. MITTEN: Judge, let me -- we've discussed
3 a procedural schedule with Staff. I think we're close
4 to reaching an agreement on some dates. We'll
5 circulate that to the other parties and I would hope by
6 later in this week we could have a stipulated
7 procedural schedule to submit to the Commission.

8 JUDGE GRAHAM: I was going to give you ten
9 days. Do you want me to shorten that to seven and make
10 it due a week from today?

11 MR. MITTEN: I think we could have it done by
12 a week from today? In fact, I'm hopeful we could have
13 it done by Thursday.

14 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. Well, why don't we say
15 a week from today. Let's say -- this is the 25th.
16 What will that be? This has got 30 days in it. Is
17 that the 2nd -- 2nd day of October?

18 MS. MERS: I believe so.

19 JUDGE GRAHAM: Second day of October looks to
20 be on a Tuesday, a week from today.

21 Okay. Is there anything else that we need to
22 discuss?

23 Okay. Well, I'm going to go off the record
24 then and leave you folks to it. And I'm glad to meet
25 you all.

(Hearing was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.)

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