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of The Empire District Electric)
Company, The Empire District)
Gas Company, Liberty Utilities) File No. A0-2017-0360
(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.,)
and Liberty Utilities (Missouri)
Water) LLC for Approval of Their)
Cost Allocation Manual)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. We're here for a procedural conference in File No. A0-2017-0360, which is the Application by the Empire District and various other companies for approval of the cost allocation manual.

And we'll begin by taking entries of appearance beginning with Empire?

MS. CARTER: Diana Carter with Bryden, Swaengen & England for the Empire District Electric Company and the other applicants. My address is on the written entry that I will give the court reporter.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff?

MR. JOHNSON: Mark Johnson and Steve Dottheim on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. We've provided our information to the court reporter already.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And for Public Counsel?

MS. SHEMWELL: Good morning, Judge. Lera Shemwell representing the Office of the Public Counsel and the Public Counsel, and I have given the court reporter my information.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for MECG?

MR. WOODSMALL: David Woodsmall on behalf of

1 Midwest Energy Consumers Group.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Well, I brought you
3 here today to discuss procedural schedule and where we
4 need to go on this case. Do the parties anticipate
5 that we'll have to have a hearing on this or is this
6 something that the parties will be able to work out?

7 MS. CARTER: Too soon to tell.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Too soon to tell. Okay.

9 MS. CARTER: We definitely, I don't think,
10 would want to schedule a hearing now or any time soon
11 so that there's time for the parties to meet and
12 discuss if they can.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. I'm aware that these
14 matters can take a long time to negotiate and be
15 discussed and proceed. You know, I don't believe the
16 Commission wants to try to push it forward or anything,
17 so it's -- it's up to you to tell me what you want to
18 do.

19 I'll ask you to give me a -- well, I'll call
20 it a proposed procedural schedule by a week from today,
21 the 17th. And you don't have to set a hearing as part
22 of that unless you believe that that's appropriate.
23 But if there's anything that you need from me as far as
24 preliminary scheduling or discovery orders and so
25 forth, just let me know. And then I'll just leave you

1 to your discussions today and to tell me what -- what
2 results by filing something next week.

3 Anything you want to discuss while we're on
4 the record?

5 I see a lot of heads shaking no.

6 MS. SHEMWELL: We appreciate a -- some firm
7 discovery rules, but we can talk about that.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Very good. And with
9 that, then, we are adjourned from the on-the-record
10 portion, and I'll leave you to your discussions.

11 (Record was closed at 10:24 a.m.)
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