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| | Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's) |
| 13 | Tariffs to Increase its Revenues) File No. ER-2012-0166 |
| | For Electric Service) |
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| | CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE. |
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1 PROCEEDINGS 2 (WHEREUPON, the public hearing began at 7:15 3 p.m.) JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good evening everyone. 4 My name is Morris Woodruff, and we're going to get started 5 6 here. I'm the Chief Regulatory Law Judge for the Public Service Commission. I am not a commissioner myself, but I 7 do have a commissioner with me. I want to introduce him 8 9 now. This is Mr. Stephen Stoll. COMMISSIONER STOLL: Good evening, everyone. 10 11 It's nice to be in Dexter this evening. It's not too warm 12 in here fortunately. Before we get started, I just wanted to tell you a couple things. There are currently four 13 14 commissioners on the Missouri Public Service Commission. 15 There's one vacancy at this time. I told the Commission 16 that I would be their representative here tonight. And a written transcript of this meeting will be given to and 17 18 read by each of my fellow commissioners. And the young 19 lady over here, court reporter, is transcribing all this; 20 and they will get a written transcript. I also wanted to mention that we feel it is 21 22 important to come to these meetings and to hear your 23 comments and hear your concerns. You were probably told at the beginning during the question and answer period that we 2.4 25 really can't answer any questions regarding the case,

| 1 | because we sit in judgment; and we can't prejudge the case. |
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| 2 | But, if you have questions regarding any of the procedures |
| 3 | or if you have a question about your service, we can refer |
| 4 | you to some of the folks out in the lobby who could help |
| 5 | you. |
| 6 | And I guess, last, I will mention that just in |
| 7 | case, if you can't stay or you just don't want to get up |
| 8 | and give testimony, we have the public comment forms that |
| 9 | you, you got at the table from the Public Service |
| 10 | Commission folks out there. And you can fill this out. |
| 11 | You can leave it here, or you can mail it in. And all |
| 12 | these public comments will also be part of our record. So, |
| 13 | with that, I will turn it over to the judge; and we will |
| 14 | begin the public hearing. |
| 15 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Commissioner. As |
| 16 | you were coming in, some of you signed up to give testimony |
| 17 | here. And what I will do is call you down based on the |
| 18 | list, and you can come up to the podium here; and I'll |
| 19 | swear you in. And you can tell us what you need to tell |
| 20 | us. Before we do that, I want to make a record of the |
| 21 | attorneys who are here to represent the various parties. |
| 22 | So I'm going to ask them to enter their appearance now. |
| 23 | For Ameren. |
| 24 | MR. BYRNE: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm Tom |
| 25 | Byrne. I'm an attorney for Ameren Missouri. And my |

| 1 | address is 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, |
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| 2 | 63103. |
| 3 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the staff. |
| 4 | MS. McCLOWRY: My name is Meghan McClowry I'm |
| 5 | an attorney for the staff of the Missouri Public Service |
| 6 | Commission. My business address is P. O. Box 360, |
| 7 | Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. |
| 8 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the public counsel. |
| 9 | MR. MILLS: Thank you, Judge. Appearing on |
| 10 | behalf the Office of Public Counsel and the public, my name |
| 11 | is Lewis Mills. My address is Post Office Box 2230, |
| 12 | Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102. |
| 13 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. I guess that's |
| 14 | all the parties who have attorneys here tonight. I'll go |
| 15 | ahead and call the first person down. I'm not going to set |
| 16 | any formal time limits, but keep in mind it's a fairly long |
| 17 | line. There are other people who want to testify as well; |
| 18 | so, if you could, try to keep it to about five minutes in |
| 19 | your testimony. So the first name on the list is Frances |
| 20 | Faris. |
| 21 | MS. FARIS: I just had my say a little bit |
| 22 | ago, sir. |
| 23 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's fine. We won't make |
| 24 | you come up here if you don't want to. Next name is Bruce |
| 25 | McClintock. Good evening, sir. Can you please raise your |

1 right hand. I'll swear you in. 2 MR. McCLINTOCK: Good evening. JUDGE WOODRUFF: Would you please raise your 3 right hand. 4 5 (Witness sworn.) 6 MR. McCLINTOCK: I'll try be brief, factual 7 straightforward. I've appeared before the Commission two other times and stated my information. Those were at the 8 National Guard Armory down in the east part of Dexter. I'm 9 here this evening also to state my opinion and my position. 10 11 I read in the paper, I heard the comments about AmerenUE about the rate increase. They talked about 12 \$8. They talked about \$12. AmerenUE publishes a \$14 a 13 month average increase. They need to get the facts 14 15 together. The public counsel needs to get his own homework before he comes to the meeting. The \$14 is \$168 a year, 16 17 the scheduled amount. 18 My wife and I, we live out at the edge of 19 Dexter, couple three miles. We're both retired. I'm 80 20 years old. She taught school 30 years. I worked 32 years for the State of Missouri. I'm retired. I draw social 21 22 security. I draw state benefit. I draw a small veteran's 23 benefit. I'm a disabled Korean veteran. I wonder sometimes why they fought for this country. I quess so 2.4 25 maybe they, AmerenUE and the huge corporations an

| 2 know. My wife receives her teacher's retirement. We're 3 fixed income. We have been since 1995 when we retired. 4 My appearance before the Commission for the 5 past few years every year you've increased the rate. 6 Five years out of six years asking you've increased it fiv 7 years, the rate. You've increased it 36 percent. An 8 amount \$810 million off the backs of the public, the users 9 of electricity. I'd like to be able to cool my house at a 10 hundred degree temperature and cool it when the weather 11 goes below zero. I don't know if I'll be able to do that. 12 The CEO, Tom Voss, he got a 20 percent 13 increase. His salary benefits salary and benefits 14 are \$5.7 million. That's a lot of money. Lot of money. 15 And that money has come from people like me and from peopl 16 sitting in this audience. 17 During the past year, \$2 billion have been 18 paid by the shareholders to the shareholder. \$2.2 19 billion to the shareholders. That money has come from | e receives her teacher's retirement. We're |
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| 21 stop? When are you people going to look at things | are you people going to look at things |
| 22 realistically and know that we cannot continue to exist ou | y and know that we cannot continue to exist out |
| 23 here under these circumstances? | nese circumstances? |
| 24 Now I understand I can't ask the Commission | Now I understand I can't ask the Commission |
| 25 questions. You made that clear. I read it in the handout | You made that clear. I read it in the handout. |

| 1 | Okay? But I can ask these people something. They have |
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| 2 | heard AmerenUE's pony and dance and the propaganda. How |
| 3 | many of you, by show of hands, want a rate increase? How |
| 4 | many of you want a rate increase? Look. That should be on |
| 5 | the record too. Maybe the reporter can put that. Now if |
| 6 | you people don't want a rate increase, you all have |
| 7 | telephones. Call your division, call your Representatives |
| 8 | and call your Senators. Call them every three days. They |
| 9 | will eventually get the message. Thank you for your |
| 10 | patience, gentlemen. Good night. |
| 11 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. Do you have |
| 12 | any questions? |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: No. I do thank you for |
| 14 | your testimony, though, sir. |
| 15 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Next name on the list is |
| 16 | Kitty Kandalaft. Good evening. |
| 17 | MS. KANDALAFT: Hello. Good evening to you. |
| 18 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Raise your right hand and swear |
| 19 | you in. |
| 20 | (Witness sworn.) |
| 21 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Tell us your name, please. |
| 22 | MS. KANDALAFT: Kitty Kandalaft. Kathleen, |
| 23 | that's on my bill. That's Kitty Kandalaft. Kathleen is |
| 24 | my |
| 25 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to tell us? |
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| 1 | MS. KANDALAFT: Okay. I had a difficult time |
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| 2 | finding out about this meeting tonight. I had a telephone |
| 3 | call last night, and they said come to a meeting on Tuesday |
| 4 | night. And then in the background somebody was saying |
| 5 | Monday night tonight. And so I checked with a friend of |
| 6 | mine; and she said no, it was Wednesday night. And I said |
| 7 | good, because I'm so tired today. And then later I heard |
| 8 | it was Tuesday night, and I had guests scheduled two |
| 9 | guests who were scheduled to come this evening. And I |
| 10 | called them and asked them if they wanted to come another |
| 11 | night. And they said no, it won't do any good to go |
| 12 | anyway. And they didn't, they didn't want to come. They |
| 13 | went ahead with my husband to visit with him. |
| 14 | We both live on fixed incomes. I'm a retired |
| 15 | schoolteacher. He is a retired serviceman. He was with |
| 16 | the Air Force until he retired. And our combined |
| 17 | retirement doesn't really take care of our expenses. And |
| 18 | things keep coming up like dental bills and doctors bills. |
| 19 | And recently we had to have a brand new furnace and air |
| 20 | conditioning installed. And I found myself to the point |
| 21 | where I had to go borrow money to install the air |
| 22 | conditioner, which you reap the results, I guess. |
| 23 | Anyway, we're, I guess I can sympathize with |
| 24 | the people who take to the streets to voice their opinions |
| 25 | about banks and big corporations that don't seem to listen, |

1 don't have an ear for the common citizen in your district. 2 Same way with politicians. During the storm in '09 we were without -- I 3 don't need to go into details. All of us are familiar with 4 5 that storm. And where I live I have, I was called by one 6 of the people from AmerenUE to ask if they could cut down a 7 tree that was leaning over the wires. And they were in my backyard at that time. And I gave them permission, because 8 I was thinking about everybody else who might have to be 9 10 delayed in their getting it fixed. 11 Anyway, when I came home after two or three 12 days, I, I found that AmerenUE had cut down 12 trees from my backyard. Six of them were shade that was set in. And 13 14 six more were down through to the next, to the next lot or 15 to the next person that lived behind me. And so I called whoever I could to ask about 16 it; and someone came out and said, well, we have to do 17 18 what's best for all of our customers, not just one. So 19 they neglected the rules that they were supposed to follow 20 and just cut down whatever they wanted to cut. So, in that 21 sense, I'm not satisfied with the quality that AmerenUE 22 provides. I'm not happy with the rates. I'm not happy 23 with the quality. I'm not happy with the way meetings are set up. I feel like these people who are walking the 2.4 25 streets because they don't feel like they have a voice

| 1 | anymore. Thank you. |
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| 2 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Ms. Kandalaft. |
| 3 | Since you were concerned about the, your tree trimming, |
| 4 | would it be all right if I tell Ameren your address that |
| 5 | you've written down here? |
| 6 | MS. KANDALAFT: Oh, sure. The 16289 State |
| 7 | Highway AF. That's a capital A, capital F. 63841. |
| 8 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And anytime |
| 9 | you're not satisfied with the service you're getting from |
| 10 | Ameren you need to contact the Public Service Commission as |
| 11 | well. You have people who should be able to help you out. |
| 12 | MS. KANDALAFT: I can't remember if I |
| 13 | contacted the Public Service Commission, but I did contact |
| 14 | someone in Bloomfield; and he came out. And then I |
| 15 | contacted one other person I don't remember. But I was |
| 16 | just they didn't even go down and well, one boy went |
| 17 | down in the woods to look at the trees. And one man just |
| 18 | came to the front door and said there's nothing they can |
| 19 | do; they have to take care of their other customers in an |
| 20 | emergency, getting everybody satisfied. |
| 21 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you for your testimony. |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your testimony, |
| 23 | ma'am. I will mention one thing; that the date of this |
| 24 | local public hearing was set some time ago. The location |
| 25 | was changed from the old armory to this facility because we |

| possible. And at a couple of hearings like at St. Charles County and St. Louis County we had kind of an overflow crowd. We had people standing. So the date and time has remained the same. But we did change the location. JUDGE WOODRUFF: The next name on my list the last name is McMunn. And I'm not sure of the first name. Would you please raise your right hand. (Witness sworn.) JUDGE WOODRUFF: Tell us your name. MS. McMUNN: Sue McMunn. What I'm worried about is me and my husband's on a fixed income. I have a disabled son that's on a fixed income. If they raise our rate \$12 or \$14 more a month, they raise my son \$14 more a month he doesn't get enough to live on to start with. And, when he doesn't have means, me and my husband have to take it out of our means to help him. Well, our means is on their limits; because my medical bills, my insurance for my medicine is \$300 a month. I draw 675. So I have very little to go on. My son draws \$600 a month, and he's trying to live on his own. With his utility bill over \$200 a month, his house payment's \$200 a month, he cannot even eat unless we buy groceries for him and buy gas for his car. | 1 | wanted to make sure we could accommodate as many people as |
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| 1 | States that cannot live? My husband has retirement and |
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| 2 | social security. But, with all the needs and my medical |
| 3 | bills and my son's disability, we cannot survive with more |
| 4 | raising on our utility bill. And I am very concerned about |
| 5 | that. There's more people out here that needs to speak up, |
| 6 | because there's more out here that is in the same fix that |
| 7 | I'm in. |
| 8 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am. Any |
| 9 | questions? |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your |
| 11 | testimony. |
| 12 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Next name is Amy begins |
| 13 | with an S. Anybody? Kent Armstrong. Good evening, sir. |
| 14 | Raise your right hand. |
| 15 | (Witness sworn.) |
| 16 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Tell us your name, please. |
| 17 | MR. ARMSTRONG: Kent Armstrong. I didn't have |
| 18 | a lot of time to prepare for this because I found out about |
| 19 | it last night. But my statement rather mirrors a lot of |
| 20 | the statements in that I have not got a satisfactory answer |
| 21 | to my questions about these rate increases. And it sounded |
| 22 | like a dog and pony show just to let somebody know |
| 23 | somebody's going do something, and nothing's getting done. |
| 24 | 14 percent increase and that user charge. |
| 25 | We're told at one point that the less you use the more |
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| 1 | you're going to pay. And then we're told no, no, no; |
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| 2 | that's not the way it is. The CEO of the company can haul |
| 3 | in \$5.7 million a year. And I'm told that, well, not all |
| 4 | that money is counted. Why isn't it? It's money that come |
| 5 | from somebody that come from somewhere. Where did it come |
| 6 | from? It came from these people's pockets. That's where |
| 7 | it came from. So it needs to be counted. |
| 8 | And incentives and all that, I don't get |
| 9 | incentives for buying my electricity. I don't get |
| 10 | incentives for not buying my electricity other than a lower |
| 11 | bill and a harder way of life. I'm disabled. My wife is |
| 12 | disabled. I have two disabled inlaws. All of us are |
| 13 | expected to just absorb these yearly increases while we |
| 14 | don't get any increases ourselves. There's a problem that |
| 15 | needs to be addressed positively. There's a problem that |
| 16 | needs to be fixed. You've got executives all over your |
| 17 | company making millions of dollars out of our pockets. And |
| 18 | who's going to pay the bill? Sounds to me like the elderly |
| 19 | and the disabled are going to pay the bulk of it. You've |
| 20 | got a problem that needs to be addressed. Needs to be |
| 21 | fixed. Thank you. |
| 22 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Mr. Armstrong. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your testimony. |
| 24 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Next name on the list is Nick |
| 25 | Roe. Good evening. Please raise your right hand. |

| 1 | (Witness sworn.) |
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| 2 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: And your name is? |
| 3 | MR. ROE: Nathan Roe. I'm only 25 years old. |
| 4 | I graduated from college last May 2011, and I bought a |
| 5 | business here in Dexter called Fitness Connection. It's a |
| 6 | local gym. But anyway, I said that because, I mean, I'm |
| 7 | not older. I haven't had life experience; yada, yada, |
| 8 | yada. But I mean I can open my eyes and notice that things |
| 9 | aren't they just don't add up a hundred percent to me. |
| 10 | First off, the graph that the man up here had |
| 11 | earlier had eggs, comparing eggs to the electric bill |
| 12 | instead of the man's social security that doesn't keep up |
| 13 | with it is kind of an insult in my opinion. |
| 14 | And also just a second. Oh, Ameren, they |
| 15 | say that the customers, that the customers want reliable |
| 16 | and greener electricity and energy. But they're also, the |
| 17 | same guy told me that, just earlier, that they get these |
| 18 | numbers and they get these statistics from people in duress |
| 19 | right after an ice storm. Of course people are going to be |
| 20 | mad about it. Yeah, I want more reliable electricity. |
| 21 | Well, ask them when it's 70 degrees outside when you can |
| 22 | open your windows and turn your air off if they want an |
| 23 | increase then. And not only about the increase but the |
| 24 | more reliable and the greener energy, but not only the more |
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| 1 | help a little bit. I have been a widow for 19 years. And |
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| 2 | I'm 75 years old, and I am working almost a full-time job |
| 3 | in order to pay my bills. I don't know if I can work till |
| 4 | I'm a hundred or not, but I may have to if everything keeps |
| 5 | going up and not just electricity, but food and medicine |
| 6 | and then supplemental insurance. It increased from \$115 |
| 7 | month from January 2011 to January of 2012 to \$215. That's |
| 8 | a big increase. |
| 9 | So I just wish there was some way that it |
| 10 | could be taken into consideration people who are on fixed |
| 11 | incomes. I get just a little over a thousand dollars a |
| 12 | month from my husband's social security. Therefore, that |
| 13 | will not make it. So I do have to work. |
| 14 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, ma'am. |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your |
| 16 | testimony. Thanks for coming. |
| 17 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Next names on my list are |
| 18 | Robert and Deloris are they still here? Okay. Myron |
| 19 | Walker? |
| 20 | (Witness sworn.) |
| 21 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: And you are Myron Walker? |
| 22 | MR. WALKER: I am Myron Walker. I want to |
| 23 | approach this from a little different angle, because I'm in |
| 24 | business, have been in business a long time. We have an |
| 25 | old saying in the auto industry. A hog never learned to |
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| 1 | eat itself. You know why? Because you have to keep |
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| 2 | looking for better methods out there. You can't just raise |
| 3 | the cost and have people pay for it. People have to have |
| 4 | automobiles. We have to keep costs down. That means that |
| 5 | everything that goes up must have a program that says no, |
| 6 | it's not; it's going to go down. It doesn't mean that we |
| 7 | don't need to do research and development because the |
| 8 | government will take care of it. It means that of the |
| 9 | 365 million that was requested not one dime was for |
| 10 | research and development. |
| 11 | Now how can you say we're going to save money |
| 12 | by importing our coal from Wyoming when we've got coal in |
| 13 | Illinois, but we can't use it? Well, is that a problem? |
| 14 | I'd say so. Because there may be some way that you could |
| 15 | use that coal in Illinois that may actually be cheaper than |
| 16 | those transportation costs from Wyoming. But, if we never |
| 17 | do try, if we don't have enough ambition about ourselves to |
| 18 | eat ourselves we're never going to solve that problem. |
| 19 | Now I'm just like these folks. I'm 65. I'm |
| 20 | 64.9 months. And nine months over. I am about ready to |
| 21 | retire. So I'm in the same situation. But I've been in |
| 22 | industry a long time. And I've never seen an industry like |
| 23 | the utility industry. Listen, most industry is after |
| 24 | they're after the cost. This industry is not after those |
| 25 | costs. And I don't see why we should pay for an industry |

| 1 | that's not trying to reduce its costs. And I don't mean |
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| 2 | lay off 370 people so that we can put them on the public |
| 3 | rolls. That's not what reducing cost is. That's just |
| 4 | putting it back on us. The cost involved is real lives. |
| 5 | 360, 370 people had to realign their lives. They didn't |
| 6 | have a job the next day. Is that how it was? They were |
| 7 | early outed? I've been early outed. I know what that's |
| 8 | about. |
| 9 | It's about the future. Not having a job. Not |
| 10 | having that security of a job. Those people lost that. It |
| 11 | wasn't oh, we paid you off. No. All of a sudden you've |
| 12 | got a different aspect of life. You're going to have to |
| 13 | learn how to spend your time, not at a job trying to |
| 14 | improve things. So yeah, I understand cost raising. |
| 15 | Because if you do not work on that, if you continue to do |
| 16 | things the same way every day, the next day, the next day, |
| 17 | the next day, you will indeed never lower your costs. |
| 18 | I believe that the price equation is price |
| 19 | equals cost plus profit. I believe that's it. So if you |
| 20 | never decrease costs, literally decrease costs, that means |
| 21 | burning less fuel, using less transportation, learning new |
| 22 | methods. I'm not sure AmerenUE is a distribution |
| 23 | company, not only a generation company; it's a distribution |
| 24 | company. Why are the plants to say okay, in summertime |
| 25 | we've got a few of these gas-fired plants to take on |

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| 1 | instead of buying their power from Entergy. What is that |
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| 2 | plan? Should we pay for no plan? That is the problem. |
| 3 | What is the plan to lower costs? I'm going to pay |
| 4 | 365 million, me and the folks. So what is the plan not to |
| 5 | do it in another year? I want to see that plan. Thank |
| 6 | you. |
| 7 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, sir. |
| 8 | COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you for your testimony. |
| 9 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Walker was the last name |
| 10 | on my list. Was there anybody that wanted to testify that |
| 11 | didn't sign up? I'll give you the opportunity now. I |
| 12 | don't see anybody coming forward. So once again, thank you |
| 13 | for coming tonight. And, with that, we are adjourned. We |
| 14 | do have one more person that wants to testify. I guess |
| 15 | we're not adjourned. Good evening, ma'am. Please raise |
| 16 | your right hand. |
| 17 | (Witness sworn.) |
| 18 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Tell us your name, please. |
| 19 | MS. RUSSELL: Sarah Russell. I don't have |
| 20 | much to say except if any of you people would live in |
| 21 | Pinella, Missouri, where there's about 300 people live, |
| 22 | where every one of us together makes less than you do in |
| 23 | income you'd know what a struggle it is to make our bills. |
| 24 | I'm 81, and I'm still working full time to pay my bills. |
| 25 | And that's all I'm going to say. |

1 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. COMMISSIONER STOLL: Thank you, ma'am. 2 (Witness sworn.) 3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Tell us your name, please. 4 MR. AVERY: Henry Avery. 5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Avery? 6 MR. AVERY: Yes, sir. A-V-E-R-Y. 7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: What would you like to tell 8 us? Go ahead. 9 MR. AVERY: Okay. The question -- or I have a 10 couple, actually. Does the city or any other businesses 11 get breaks on their utilities? 12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I can't answer your questions 13 14 tonight. If you have a specific question, talk to 15 Mr. Mills here is the public counsel. And then our staff people back there can answer specific questions for you. 16 If you just want to have a rhetorical question, you can ask 17 the question; but I can't answer. 18 19 COMMISSIONER STOLL: The staff or Mr. Mills from the 20 office of public counsel would be able to talk to you about that. It's just the way the process has to work. 21 MR. AVERY: Well, I'd rather, you know, if 22 23 whoever can answer it could answer it in front of, with the people; because this is a public meeting. 24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, you can go ahead and 25

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| 1 | ask your questions, but we can't provide the answers at |
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| 2 | this point. And I don't know if we can answer any |
| 3 | questions here. You can certainly ask the questions. |
| 4 | MR. AVERY: To the attorney, you mean? |
| 5 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Pardon me? |
| 6 | MR. AVERY: To the attorney? |
| 7 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes. Meghan McClowry or |
| 8 | Lewis Mills, the public counsel and Mr. Byrne, the attorney |
| 9 | for Ameren. |
| 10 | MR. AVERY: What I have to say after the |
| 11 | meeting or what? |
| 12 | JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yeah. I'm talking about |
| 13 | after the meeting. If you want to say something to us, you |
| 14 | can say it right now; and then you can talk with them after |
| 15 | the meeting. All right? Anyone else wish to testify at |
| 16 | this point? All right. I don't see anybody else coming |
| 17 | forward. So with that, we are adjourned. Thank you. |
| 18 | (WHEREUPON, the public hearing concluded at |
| 19 | 7:52 p.m.) |
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