

Notice of Scheduling Ruling

Notice is hereby given by the Administrative Law Judge of the following revision in the surrebuttal filing date applicable to Central Illinois Light Company et al. ("Ameren") in this proceeding.

As noted in a ruling issued August 16, 2005, given the very large number of witnesses who pre-filed their respective testimonies in both 05-0159 and 05-0160 et al., there is reason for concern over whether there will be sufficient time to cross-examine all such witnesses during the round of common hearings scheduled for September 6-9, 2005. Hence, cross-examination of some of these witnesses during the other two weeks of hearings, particularly the "Ameren" week of September 12-16, may be necessary, and is being explored in inter-party efforts to coordinate witness cross-examination schedules. Of relevance to those efforts is the surrebuttal testimony to be filed in 05-0160 et al., currently scheduled for August 30, 2005. Also, as indicated in prior rulings, hearings in 05-0159 begin August 29, 2005.

In view of these developments, it is necessary to advance the surrebuttal filing date in 05-0160 et al. in order to facilitate the coordination of hearings and cross-examination schedules in Docket 05-0159 and 05-0160 et al., and the inter-party efforts undertaken in that regard.

Accordingly, it is hereby ruled that Ameren shall use its best efforts to file its surrebuttal testimony by 5:00 P.M. on August 26, 2005. If Ameren is unable to make the filing at that time, its best efforts notwithstanding, the deadline for the filing will be August 29, 2005 at 3:00 P.M. The surrebuttal date of August 30, 2005 is no longer applicable.

In addition, if Ameren will be filing surrebuttal testimony of any "new" witnesses who filed neither direct nor rebuttal testimony, it shall identify such witnesses to other parties no later than 5:00 P.M. on August 23, 2005.

In the meantime, parties are encouraged to continue their inter-party efforts to arrive at a proposed cross-examination schedule.