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Please include this e-mail chain in the file for Docket No. 05-0780.
Thank you, J. Albers

From: Collins, Mary
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 4:23 PM
To: Albers, John
Cc: Yoder, Stephen
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Sure, I believe that the Services Companies are supposed to provide services at the lower of cost or market. So, when I am referring to benchmarking I am asking if they have compared the Ameren Services costs to other suppliers of the same type of service.

I hope that helps.

Also, if you could just generally explain the Commission's authority with regards to reviewing the Service Company that would greatly help. I am now confused since PUHCA has been repealed and some of the reports that were filed with the SEC are now filed with FERC, or maybe not even filed at all. I know that the ICC was automatically getting some of those reports, but I think that the Commission has to specifically ask for those reports now—not sure.

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From: Albers, John
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Mary,
Thank you for the e-mail. We are not entirely clear on what is meant by "benchmarking" under #2. Presenting the question another way may help us.
Thank you, JA

From: Collins, Mary

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2006 3:43 PM
To: Albers, John; Yoder, Stephen
Cc: Bob Lieberman; Brady, Sean
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John and Steve,

Commissioner Lieberman will have some questions for you tomorrow regarding the Ameren GSA agreement. The questions will be along the following lines:

1. During the proceeding did anyone evaluate the allocation formulas to ensure that the regulated utilities were not paying more than their fair share?
2. Ameren witness Cisel stated in his testimony that the Ameren Services Company would reduce costs. Did anyone evaluate the costs incurred by Ameren Services? Do we know if the services that are being provided are at the lowest cost, or if there is a lower cost provider? Was any type of benchmarking performed?
3. Since Ameren Services is an unregulated entity, what authority does the Commission have to evaluate the cost structure and the allocation of costs to the regulated utility companies?
4. What are the ramifications if the Commission denies the amendment to the GSA?
5. Should the Commission initiate a proceeding to investigate the costs, structure and allocation of costs from Ameren Services?

If these questions don't make sense, just drop me a note. I will also be in the Springfield office tomorrow morning.

Thanks
Mary

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