

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a)
AmerenCILCO,)
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) Docket Nos. 07-0585, 07-0588
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CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC SERVICE)
COMPANY d/b/a AmerenCIPS,)
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) Docket Nos. 07-0586, 07-0589
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ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY d/b/a AmerenIP,)
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Proposed general increase in rates for delivery) Docket Nos. 07-0587, 07-0590
service. (Tariffs filed November 2, 2007))
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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING ESTABLISHING
CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SCHEDULE**

On November 2, 2007, Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO, Central Illinois Public Service Company d/b/a AmerenCIPS, and Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP (the "Ameren Illinois Utilities") filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") new and amended tariffs establishing revised rates and other terms and conditions of service, testimony and other required information, pursuant to 220 ILCS 5/9-201 and 83 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 285.305 and 285.310.

In accordance with 220 ILCS 5/10-101.1 of the Act, the Administrative Law Judges ("ALJs") hereby establish the following Case Management Plan and Schedule.

I. Form Of Pleadings

Recognizing that the electronic filing of documents promotes efficiency in practice before the Commission, parties are authorized to file electronically pleadings and supporting

documents. 5 ILCS 175/1 – 105(3), 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.1000 *et seq.* Service of paper copies of pleadings, formal filings or pre-filed testimony is not required or encouraged.

Filed documents shall be served electronically on parties in accordance with Title 83, Section 200.1050. Service must be received electronically by 5:00 pm on the date of the filing deadline, unless otherwise specified. All items served via e-mail shall contain the docket number within the subject line.

The Administrative Law Judges must be served an electronic copy of all pleadings in Microsoft Word format.

A. Discovery Requests & Responses

1. Electronic Discovery

The discovery process is more efficient through the electronic exchange of information between and among parties to matters pending before the Commission. Accordingly, data requests shall be sent electronically, in Microsoft Word (“.doc”) format. Responses to data requests shall be transmitted in the native format of the document if the document was created in Microsoft Word (“.doc”) or Microsoft Excel (“.xls”), or in Adobe Acrobat (“.pdf”) format. Data requests shall not be filed or sent to the ALJs.

2. Discovery Parameters

Each party may serve no more than 250 data requests (including subparts) upon a party, unless the party from whom the information is requested agrees or the ALJs issue an order allowing such additional data requests, for good cause shown. There shall be no limitation on the rounds or number of data requests served upon a party by Staff.

Notwithstanding Title 83, Section 200.410, each party and Staff shall have 28 calendar days to respond to data requests issued between [date] and [date], 14 calendar days to respond to data requests issued between [date] and [date], and the Ameren Illinois Utilities shall respond to data requests within 7 calendar days after they serve their surrebuttal testimony. Each party and Staff shall, in good faith, attempt to respond to data requests within 21 days, and in any event as responses are prepared.

B. Discovery Disputes

In the interest of resolving discovery issues, within ten (10) days after entry of this Order, the Ameren Illinois Utilities will designate an individual(s) who will serve as the primary point of contact for any discovery issue. In addition to complying with the requirement under Title 83, Section 200.350 that Parties involved in a discovery dispute make a reasonable attempt to resolve their differences, Parties shall submit any such disputes in the form of a motion to compel to the Administrative Law Judges for resolution.

C. Protected Materials

When information or material provided has been identified as Confidential or Confidential & Proprietary, such information shall be made available to another party in accordance with the Ruling Regarding Protection of Confidential And Proprietary Information (the “Protective Order”) in this case.

II. Schedules Approved For This Docket

A. Testimonial, Hearing and Briefing Schedule [TBD]

Staff and Intervenor Testimony

Companies’ Rebuttal

Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal

Companies’ Surrebuttal

Pre-trial Motions

Evidentiary Hearings

Initial Briefs

Reply Briefs/Draft Orders

ALJ Proposed Order

Brief on Exceptions

Reply Brief on Exceptions

Post Exceptions Proposed Order

Final Order