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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

PAULA JOHNSON) DOCKET NO.
) 09-0193
-vs-)
)
ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY)
d/b/a AmerenIP)
)
Complaint as to billing/charges in)
East St. Louis, Illinois.)

Springfield, Illinois
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

MS. LISA TAPIA, Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

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(Appearing via teleconference
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Carla J. Boehl, Reporter
CSR #084-002710

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None .

EXHIBITS

MARKED

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None .

1 e-mail if you have one?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, my name is Paula Johnson. I
3 live at 715 North 24th Street, East St. Louis,
4 Illinois 62205. My phone number is (618) 482-4381.

5 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Let the
6 record reflect that there are no others wishing to
7 enter an appearance.

8 Mr. Tomc, actually before we go into
9 when to file the answer, Ms. Johnson, will you be
10 representing yourself?

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, I will be pro se.

12 JUDGE TAPIA: And, Ms. Johnson, just so you are
13 aware, and I am sure you are and I am sure you are
14 very capable, you are aware that you have the burden
15 of proof and you are held to the same standard as
16 Mr. Tomc?

17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

18 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Tomc, do you have any
19 questions for Ms. Johnson in regards to her complaint
20 before we get a date for your answer?

21 MR. TOMC: Your Honor, to the extent Mrs.
22 Johnson knows, and if she doesn't, that's okay, I

1 would inquire if -- there is an attached circuit
2 court petition to her complaint. What is the status
3 of that litigation?

4 JUDGE TAPIA: Ms. Johnson?

5 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, yes, that document was
6 submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission. It is
7 not a part of the initial complaint with Ameren. If
8 you could read it, it is between the residents here
9 and the Commerce Commission because of previous
10 unsuccessful attempts the residents here had in
11 trying to get a formal complaint filed.

12 MR. TOMC: Okay.

13 JUDGE TAPIA: Now I am a little confused. The
14 complaint was against the Commerce Commission and --

15 MS. JOHNSON: No, no, no, no. What happened
16 was I attached that complaint as an exhibit to show
17 that the residents here in the house, we have been
18 trying to get a formal complaint filed against Ameren
19 since, oh, about 2005. I am looking at an affidavit
20 from my mom dated October of 2005. And that is the
21 initial complaint that was filed in the Sangamon
22 County courthouse and that was attached to this

1 request to file a formal complaint as an exhibit.

2 JUDGE TAPIA: I guess we will flush this out
3 once we get started with the schedule and after
4 Mr. Tomc files his answer and then we can take it
5 from there.

6 Mr. Tomc, in filing your answer how
7 much time do you need?

8 MR. TOMC: Your Honor, I would request two
9 weeks from today.

10 JUDGE TAPIA: Okay. And that would take us
11 to --

12 MR. TOMC: June 3, Your Honor. Actually, that
13 would be June 10. I am sorry.

14 JUDGE TAPIA: That's okay. June 10 by 5:00
15 p.m. the respondent will file his answer. And then
16 an evidentiary hearing -- actually, I am sorry, I
17 apologize, a status hearing soon thereafter which --
18 Mr. Tomc, any suggestions? Ms. Johnson?

19 MS. JOHNSON: No, any time that is convenient
20 for the gentleman.

21 JUDGE TAPIA: Thank you, Ms. Johnson.

22 Mr. Tomc?

1 MR. TOMC: Your Honor, I guess if we are going
2 to have a status hearing after I file the answer on
3 the 10th, we can do that any time Thursday or Friday
4 after that or on the following Monday which is June
5 15.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Okay, great, June 15?

7 JUDGE TAPIA: One second, Ms. Johnson. Let me
8 check my calendar. June 15. Okay, what time -- June
9 15, what time are you looking at, Mr. Tomc or
10 Ms. Johnson?

11 MS. JOHNSON: What would be a convenient time
12 for the gentleman? Morning, afternoon?

13 JUDGE TAPIA: Well, afternoon I am tied of up
14 after 1:00. So it would be the morning and I am
15 pretty free all morning.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Well, 10:00 a.m. would be --

17 JUDGE TAPIA: Mr. Tomc, 10:00 a.m.?

18 MR. TOMC: That works for me, too, Your Honor
19 and we can also set up a phone number the same as we
20 did last time.

21 JUDGE TAPIA: Ms. Johnson, did you understand?

22 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

