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BEFORE THE

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

EGYPTIAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE)
ASSOCIATION)Docket No.
-vs-) 12-0190
AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY)
d/b/a AMEREN ILLINOIS)
Complaint for Exclusive Service Right)
under the Electric Supplier Act.)

Springfield, Illinois
Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Met, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 a.m.

BEFORE:

MS. JANIS VON QUALEN
Administrative Law Judge

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PROCEEDINGS

JUDGE VON QUALEN: By the authority vested in me by the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket No. 12-0190. This docket concerns the complaint filed by Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association against Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois. It is a Complaint for Exclusive Service Right under the Electric Supplier Act.

May I have the appearances for the record, first on behalf of the Complainant.

MR. BROOM: This is William Broom, Carbondale, Illinois, on behalf of the Complainant, Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association.

MR. BARON: Jeff Baron on behalf of Ameren Illinois Company.

JUDGE VON QUALEN: Are there any others wishing to enter an appearance?

(No response.)

JUDGE VON QUALEN: Let the record show no response.

This matter comes on for a status hearing this morning. So would one of you tell me what is the status.

MR. BARON: I can fill you in. Over the

1 last year the parties have been negotiating a
2 potential settlement in this matter and also there's
3 another case pending that is involving Southern
4 Precision Sand, and that's in front of Judge Albers.

5 As sort of the deal evolved, the
6 parties started talking about a new Service Area
7 Agreement for -- there's two different service
8 territories here. One is the -- it's the former CIPS/
9 Egyptian territories that involves three counties, and
10 then there's another area. It's the former Illinois
11 Power/Egyptian territory, and I think that may
12 encompass five or six counties, and as to the former
13 IP area there had never been a Service Territory
14 Agreement or territorial maps drawn up before.

15 The parties then have over the last
16 year have been trying to draw up maps for territories
17 in this IP territory and to revise the maps in the
18 CIPS area. They've also been working on trying to
19 enter into a new Service Area Agreement that would
20 cover both of these territories, and I think we're
21 really close.

22 We have an agreement in principal on
23 the language of what the Service Area Agreement is
24 going to look like except for there's one sentence or

1 so we're going back and forth on, but other than that,
2 we basically have the language for a new Service Area
3 Agreement.

4 Both Ameren and Egyptian have
5 reviewed all of their territories and their customers
6 within the former IP area, and they have mapped that
7 out. There is some overlap though where where the
8 line was drawn. It looks like there's going to be
9 some customers on this side or that side that are with
10 the other provider.

11 So the parties now are trying to go
12 back and forth and figure out if they can reconfigure
13 the lines or -- so now we need to draw some type of
14 exceptions to deal with these customers, and I've
15 talked to my people, and they have given me an
16 estimate of maybe about four weeks to wrap that up.

17 With the former CIPS areas, it's --
18 the review is not quite as far along, but I think that
19 -- that we probably should get pretty good headway
20 within the next six to eight weeks on that territory.

21 I don't know if you want to add
22 anything, Bill.

23 MR. BROOM: Yes. I certainly agree with
24 everything Mr. Baron has said, I hope that we have

1 been able to convey the size of the scope of this
2 problem. It covers several hundred square miles, and
3 now when we're focusing on essentially updating the
4 1969 Service Area Agreement that CIPS and Egyptian
5 Electric had and which is still being honored, I might
6 add. When we started to add that in, we realized that
7 we can do a better job than the prior maps. We have
8 more precise mapping tools available.

9 Just for an example, I spent two
10 hours with one of Egyptian's engineers about three
11 weeks ago looking in Carbondale Township only, which
12 Carbondale Township is 36 square miles. In two hours
13 we looked at the line on six or seven of those
14 sections in there, six or seven square miles. Now,
15 they're the most important ones, but again lots of
16 decisions, lots of things to discuss with Ameren
17 Illinois staff before we can say, okay, here's where
18 we think we ought to have the line, but everyone is
19 working hard on it. There's no question about that.

20 JUDGE VON QUALEN: I'm impressed by the
21 breadth of the project. It sounds like a very large
22 one, one that would be very well completed.

23 MR. BROOM: Uh-huh.

24 JUDGE VON QUALEN: So based on what you've

1 said, I'm going to guess that you'd like to set this
2 over for six or eight weeks for another status
3 hearing. Is that what the parties would like to do?

4 MR. BARON: I think eight weeks would
5 probably be a good amount of time.

6 MR. BROOM: I am not available the middle
7 two weeks of March, so I would suggest the end of
8 March, your Honor.

9 JUDGE VON QUALEN: All right. Like maybe
10 the week of March 24th?

11 MR. BROOM: Just a second here. Yes.

12 JUDGE VON QUALEN: Would the 26th or the
13 27th work for the parties? Either one would work for
14 me .

15 MR. BROOM: Your Honor, both of those days
16 are free for me right now.

17 MR. BARON: The 27th looks better, but I
18 could do either the 26th or the 27th.

19 JUDGE VON QUALEN: The 27th is equally good
20 for me. So we can set it for March 27th at 9 a.m. if
21 that works for the parties.

22 MR. BROOM: Yes.

23 JUDGE VON QUALEN: All right. Well, thank
24 you very much for the update. I'm glad to hear that

1 things are moving along, and you're making progress on
2 the agreement. Is there anything else that we need to
3 discuss this morning?

4 MR. BARON: I don't think so, your Honor.

5 JUDGE VON QUALEN: Well, then I will
6 continue this matter to March 27, 2014, at 9 a.m.
7 Thank you both.

8 MR. BARON: Thank you.

9 MR. BROOM: Thank you.

10 (WHEREIN, the hearing was
11 continued to March 27, 2014,
12 at 9:00 a.m.)

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