

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 28th day of October, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro )  
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a )  
Evergy Missouri West for an Accounting )  
Authority Order Allowing the Companies to )  
Record and Preserve Costs Related to )  
COVID-19 Expenses )

**File No. EU-2020-0350**

**ORDER SETTING HEARING DATE  
AND RESUMING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: October 28, 2020

Effective Date: October 28, 2020

On May 6, 2020, Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) applied for an accounting authority order to govern costs and financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. On July 1, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, setting an evidentiary hearing on September 30-October 1, 2020. The Commission on September 28, 2020, suspended the procedural schedule and continued the hearing to accommodate settlement discussions at Evergy’s request.

On October 8, 2020, some of the parties filed a *Non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, proposing to resolve the case. On October 15, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel and the National Housing Trust (NHT) filed objections; NHT requested a hearing. On October 16, 2020, the Commission directed the parties to file available dates for a two-day hearing. On October 19, 2020, Evergy proposed, on behalf of all the parties, a

hearing on November 16-17, 2020. Because the Commission was not able to accommodate those dates, the presiding officer solicited alternative dates from all of the parties by e-mail.

The Commission will set dates for an evidentiary hearing consistent with the parties' suggestions by e-mail. In addition, the Commission will lift suspension of the procedural schedule and amend procedural orders to provide updated deadlines. Consistent with the Commission's September 23, 2020 order, the hearing will be conducted by telephone and video conference.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Party obligations under the procedural orders in this case are reinstated and the procedural schedule is no longer suspended. The procedural schedule is amended as follows:

Evidentiary Hearing	9 a.m. November 12-13, 2020
Initial Briefs <sup>1</sup>	December 4, 2020
Reply Briefs	December 14, 2020

2. The Commission's September 28, 2020 *Procedural Order Regarding Exhibits* is amended as follows:

a. All parties shall provide a compliant exhibit list to all other parties and the regulatory law judge by no later than November 9, 2020; and all parties shall provide premarked copies of such exhibits to all other parties and the regulatory law judge by no later than 10 a.m. November 10, 2020.

b. In regard to deadlines to submit exhibits for marking and filing in EFIS after the hearing, unless otherwise ordered, each party shall identify and

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<sup>1</sup> Parties should anticipate that transcripts will be available in EFIS no earlier than 10 business days after hearing.

submit by e-mail, if not already filed in EFIS, all exhibits offered by such party at hearing no later than November 17, 2020.<sup>2</sup>

3. Connection information for the telephone and video conference will be provided by further order, and a Webex link will be distributed by e-mail to all parties.

4. Those who require additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

5. A live audio web stream at the Commission's website, [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov), will provide audio of the hearing for those who wish to observe.

6. This order shall be effective on October 28, 2020.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and  
Holsman CC., concur.

Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> A deadline for any corrections will be specified in an order after exhibits are marked and filed in EFIS.