

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Third Prudence Review of Costs)
Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Evergy Missouri West Inc., d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri West)

File No. EO-2020-0262

In the Matter of the Third Prudence Review of Costs)
Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
Metro)

File No. EO-2020-0263

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO’S AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively referred to as “Evergy” or the “Company”) and submit this proposed procedural schedule and procedural requirements outline below for resolving these cases and, in support thereof, states as follows:

1. On September 21, 2020 the parties to the above-captioned matters held a procedural conference to discuss a procedural schedule for these cases.
2. On September 22, 2020 the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued its *Order Consolidating Cases and Directing Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedules* (“Order”) which directed the parties to jointly or separately proposed procedural schedules no later than October 5, 2020.
3. The parties have not been able to come to a consensus on a procedural schedule.
4. The difference rests on the Company’s belief that it should receive the final word in the form of sur-surrebuttal. This is a position that was most recently expressed and supported by the Commission in the prudency cases involving Evergy’s MEEIA programs. See, Order

Consolidating Cases and Setting Procedural Schedule, August 5, 2020, File Nos. EO-2020-0227 and EO-2020-0228. In addition, the Company had the final word in surrebuttal testimony in the Company's last FAC audit case.¹

5. The Company maintains the same position in this case as it did in the MEEIA and previous FAC proceedings. The burden-shifting framework set forth in *State ex rel. Associated Natural Gas Company v. Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri*, 954 S.W.2d 520 (Mo. Ct. App. 1997), should be reflected in the procedural schedule to allow for the Company alone to respond to all previous arguments in a final round of testimony.

6. The Company proposes the following procedural schedule:

October 22, 2020	Direct Testimony (OPC/Sierra Club/Staff)
November 23, 2020	Rebuttal Testimony (Evergy)
December 2 , 2020	Settlement Conference
December 23, 2020	Surrebuttal Testimony (Sierra Club/OPC/Staff)
January 6, 2021	Sur-surrebuttal Testimony (Evergy)
January 19, 2021	List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Joint Stipulation of Facts
January 22, 2021	Statement of Position
January 27-28, 2021	Evidentiary Hearing
Feb. 8, 2021	Transcripts due
February 22, 2021	Initial Briefs
March 8, 2021	Reply Briefs

¹ *In the matter of the Eighth Prudence Review of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations and Kansas City Power & Light Company*, File No. EO-2019-0067 and EO-2019-0068, See, *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, and Motion to Consolidate Cases*, filed March 18, 2019 and *Order Amending Procedural Schedule*, issued March 22, 2019.

7. While the Company's preferred position would be for it to solely file direct testimony, as it has the ultimate burden of proof under Section 393.150(2), RSMo., the Company's proposed schedule is the compromise position that the Commission adopted in the recent MEEIA and it supports the "burden shifting" framework of a prudency review.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West respectfully requests the Commission issue its order adopting the procedural schedule and requirements described herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, to the Staff of the Commission and to the Office of Public Counsel this 5th day of October 2020.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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