

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

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 Approval of New)
and Modified Tariffs for Service to Large)
Load Customers)

File No. EO-2025-0154

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Response to Commission Order* respectfully states as follows:

1. On February 14, 2025, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) (collectively “Evergy”) filed an application (“Application”) with the Commission for approval of a Large Load Power Service (“LLPS”) and associated tariffs.

2. Evergy’s Application included a proposed procedural schedule that contemplated the filing of a Staff recommendation/rebuttal on April 14, 2025, and an evidentiary hearing being held, if needed, from June 9-11, 2025.

3. The Commission subsequently issued its *Order and Notice* (“Order”) on February 26, 2025. The Order directed Staff to file a response to Evergy’s proposed procedural schedule no later than March 12, 2025.

4. As of the date of this filing, Staff has issued forty-seven (47) data requests (“DR”) to Evergy. Responses to the first nineteen (19) are due by March 20, 2025, with the remaining twenty-eight (28) due on March 23 and 27, 2025.

5. Staff anticipates having a better idea of how much additional discovery is warranted after it has reviewed the responses to the initial DRs. To provide time for Staff to review the initial responses from Evergy and determine how much time is needed to file its recommendation/rebuttal in this matter, Staff requests that the Commission issue an order directing Staff to file a proposed date for the filing of its recommendation/rebuttal, or in the alternative a status report, no later than April 4, 2025.

6. As to Evergy's proposed procedural schedule as a whole, the proposed evidentiary hearing dates of June 9-11, 2025 are not available, per the Commission's calendar. An evidentiary hearing in Case No. GR-2024-0369¹ is currently scheduled for June 9-20, 2025.

7. Based on Staff's need to review initial discovery, combined with the unavailability of Evergy's proposed dates for an evidentiary hearing in this matter, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order rejecting Evergy's proposed procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Response to Commission Order* for the Commission's knowledge and information, and respectfully requests the Commission issue an order rejecting Evergy's proposed procedural schedule, and directing Staff to file a date for the filing of its recommendation/rebuttal, or a status report, no later than April 4, 2025.

¹ *In the Matter of Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri's Tariffs to Adjust Its Revenues for Natural Gas.*

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 11th day of March, 2025.

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