

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)	
Evergy Missouri West for)	
Permission and Approval of)	Case No. EA-2024-0292
Certificates of Public Convenience)	
and Necessity Authorizing It to)	
Construct, Install, Own, Operate,)	
Manage, Maintain and Control Two)	
Solar Generation Facilities.)	

**The Office of the Public Counsel’s Request for Extension
to Respond to Staff Recommendation**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its Request for Extension to Respond to Staff Recommendation, states:

1. On October 25, 2024, Evergy Missouri West (“EMW,” “Evergy West,” or “Company”) filed its *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* (“Application”) to construct, install, own, operate, manage, maintain, and control two (2) solar generation facilities. The first facility, Sunflower Sky, would be a 65-megawatt (“MW”) solar farm in Wilson County, Kansas. The second facility, Foxtrot, would be a 100 MW solar farm in Jasper County, Missouri. The Application also requested variances from 20 CSR 4240-20.045(I) and 20 CSR 4240-20.045(J).

2. EMW further requested, in the Application, that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) “[i]ssue its Order, as requested above, no later than May 1, 2025[.]”¹

3. After the Commission granted On October 30, 2024, the Commission filed an *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation* which, in relevant part, instructed Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”) to “file a recommendation regarding the application, or a status report stating when it expects to file a recommendation, no later than December 16, 2024.”²

4. In response to Staff’s request, Commission gave Staff till March 17, 2025, to complete its recommendation.³

5. Later the Commission granted Staff’s request for an extension to file its recommendation, ordering Staff to file this recommendation “no later than April 17, 2025.”^{4 5}

6. The relevant portion of the Public Service Commission’s regulation does not appear to discuss the timing of party responses to Staff recommendations. However, subsections (13) and (18) of 20 CSR 4240-2.080 Pleadings, Filing, and Service both state, in relevant part, “Parties shall be

¹ *Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, p. 21 ¶ (4), Case No. EA-2024-0292, EFIS Item No. 3.

² *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation*, p. 2 ¶ 4, Case No. EA-2024-0292, EFIS Item No. 11.

³ *Order Extending Time for Staff Recommendation*, p. 2 ¶ 1, Case No. EA-2024-0292, Item No. 18.

⁴ *Order Extending Time for Staff Recommendation*, p. 1 ¶ 1, Case No. EA-2024-0292, Item No. 20.

⁵ *Order Denying Request to Shorten Time for Staff Recommendation*, p. 2 ¶ 1, Case. No. EA-2024-0292, Item No. 25.

allowed ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond . . . unless otherwise ordered by the commission.”⁶

7. The OPC reads 20 CSR 4240-2.080 to insinuate that the filing date of any party’s response to Staff’s Recommendation to be due ten (10) days after the Recommendation was filed, meaning April 14, 2025.

8. However, due to the OPC’s time and resource constraints the OPC requests a brief extension of time to respond to Staff’s Recommendation, until April 18, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests a brief extension of time to respond to Staff’s Recommendation, until April 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 10th day of April 2025.

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⁶ 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13), (18).