

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri ) Case No. EA-2024-0292  
West for Permission and Approval of a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity)

**COMES NOW**, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West” or “EMW”) and pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) *Order Directing Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and Granting Extension of Response to Staff Recommendation* (“Order”) issued on April 14, 2025, states as follows:

### **Proposed Procedural Schedule**

1. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule:

<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>DATE DUE</b>
Rebuttal (Staff, others)	May 7, 2025
Surrebuttal (all parties)	May 19, 2025
List of Issues, etc.	May 21, 2025
Settlement Conference	May 22, 2025
Discovery Cut-Off	May 23, 2025
Position Statements	May 23, 2025
Evidentiary Hearings	May 27-30, 2025
Initial Briefs	June 27, 2025
Reply Briefs	July 10, 2025

2. With the above schedule, the Office of the Public Counsel's ("OPC") current ordered deadline of April 18, 2025, for its response to Staff's recommendation is no longer operable. OPC will file its response to the Company's application on May 7, 2025.
3. The parties request that the hearing dates be scheduled at the same time as the hearings (with the addition of May 27, 2025, as an additional day of hearing) currently scheduled

in the gas CCN case (EA-2025-0075) in order to take advantage of administrative efficiency. The parties in the two cases are the same.

#### **Discovery Procedures**

4. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:

- a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- c. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS"), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. Evergy's responses to Staff data requests will be available to other parties on EFIS. In addition, Evergy's responses to all parties' data requests will be available for review on CaseWorksEX for parties who complete the requirements for accessing the CaseWorksEX system.

- d. Until the filing of Rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Rebuttal testimony (May 7, 2025) and before the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (May 19, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (May 19, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day.
- e. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- f. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.
- g. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.
- h. Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing.

5. Staff for the Commission, OPC, Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), Sierra Club, and Renew Missouri support this pleading.

**WHEREFORE**, the Company submits this proposed procedural schedule in compliance with the Commission's April 14, 2025 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon counsel for all parties on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025, by EFIS filing and notification, and/or e-mail.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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