

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Barbara Edwards,)	
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Complainant)	
)	
v.)	
)	<u>File No. EC-2020-0252</u>
Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)	
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West,)	
)	
Respondent)	

SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 6, 2020

Effective Date: August 6, 2020

On February 24, 2020, Barbara Edwards filed a complaint with the Commission against Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (Evergy Missouri). After a prehearing conference on May 19, 2020, the parties submitted a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, and the Commission issued a procedural order and set a July 17, 2020, hearing, to be conducted in Kansas City. Because of uncertain conditions in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission on July 7, 2020, suspended the procedural schedule and continued the hearing.

The parties met for a prehearing conference on July 17, 2020, to discuss the prospect of resolving this case either through an in-person or remote hearing. The Complainant, Ms. Edwards, requested the case be continued until an in-person hearing can be scheduled and offered to appear for hearing in Jefferson City if necessary. Evergy Missouri and the Commission's Staff did not object to Complainant's request.

On July 24, 2020, the Commission directed the parties to propose dates to conduct an evidentiary hearing at the Commission's office in Jefferson City on or after September 1, 2020. On August 3, 2020, the parties proposed a hearing be conducted during the week of September 21, 2020. The Commission will adopt the following amended procedural schedule and establish the time and place for evidentiary hearing.

In addition, the Commission will provide for the prehearing exchange of exhibits between the parties as well as the handling of exhibits during the hearing, as allowed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130. The parties will exchange exhibits before the hearing as provided below. During the hearing, exhibits may be offered on the record by reference. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to avoid close contact between individuals, paper copies of exhibits and other documents will not be provided to the court reporter or other parties during the hearing. Parties should bring to hearing a copy of all proposed exhibits, in paper or electronic form, which they may consult during the hearing.

Finally, the parties' August 3, 2020 joint proposal includes a request from Evergy Missouri to allow appearance of its witnesses by telephone or video conference because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission will allow for any response from Complainant and/or Staff regarding appearance by telephone or video conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Complainant and Staff may respond by no later than August 17, 2020, to Evergy Missouri's request that the Commission allow testimony by phone or video. Complainant may make such filing online through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mail to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Submission by mail must be received no later than August 17, 2020, and will be posted to EFIS. Should Complainant choose to respond, Complainant shall provide a copy of her response to Every Missouri and Staff to comply with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(15),(16).

2. The procedural schedule is amended as follows:

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| ▪ Stipulation of undisputed facts | September 14, 2020 |
| ▪ Issues, exhibit and witness lists | September 18, 2020 |
| ▪ Joint exhibit disclosure
(as described below) | September 22, 2020 |
| ▪ Evidentiary hearing | September 24, 2020 |
| ▪ Post-hearing briefs | October 15, 2020 |

3. Documents included in filings in this case in EFIS may be identified by reference during the hearing.

4. The parties shall exchange proposed exhibits before the hearing. No later than September 22, 2020, the parties shall file a joint statement confirming that all parties have exchanged proposed exhibits. The statement shall be accompanied, as an attachment, by a joint disclosure of exhibits, which shall include a copy of all exhibits that may be proposed by each party at hearing that are not already included in any filing in EFIS in this case. The disclosure shall be in PDF form, if possible, and page numbered or otherwise organized to allow identification of individual documents by reference. The

purpose of the disclosure is to provide a secure file that can be consulted by the Commission and the parties for purposes of disclosing exhibits and conducting a hearing.

5. Exchange of documents and filing of a joint disclosure of exhibits under this order does not constitute admission to the record. Proposed exhibits must be referenced during the evidentiary hearing to be offered on the record.

6. An evidentiary hearing shall be held on **September 24, 2020**, at:

Governor Office Building – Room 310

200 Madison St., Jefferson City, MO

The hearing shall begin at **9:00 a.m.** All parties shall appear.

7. The hearing location meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Those who require additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's hotline, before the hearing, at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

8. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of August, 2020.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6th day of August, 2020.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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