

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

Mark A. Hill / Bethann C. Hill	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
v.	)	File No. EC-2026-0350
	)	
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri	)	
West	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S RESPONSE TOMOTION TO RECLASSIFY
COMPLAINT AS A SMALL FORMAL COMPLAINT CASE**

COMES NOW, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”, the “Company”, or “Evergy”), by and through its counsel, hereby submits its *Response* (“Response”) to the *Motion To Request EC-2026-0350 Be Classified and Handles as a Small Formal Complaint* (“Motion”) filed by Bethann Hill (“Complainant”), and states as follows:

1. On June 4, 2026, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued its *Order Giving Notice of Complaint, Directing an Answer and a Staff Investigation* (“Order”) which found that the Complaint should not be treated as a Small Formal Complaint.¹
2. On June 10, 2026, Complainant filed her Motion, which requested that the Commission reverse its finding that the Complaint should not be treated as a Small Formal Complaint under 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15). For the reasons stated herein, the Motion should be denied.

¹ The Commission’s Order stated: “The Hills have alleged that the amount at issue is \$25 for postage and related expenses. However, the Hills’ complaint involves easements and the placement of transmission structures, so this complaint shall not proceed under the Commission’s Small Complaint procedure.

3. Under 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15), the Small Formal Complaint process is limited to matters that involve \$3,000 or less. As the Commission recognized in its Order, this matter involves easements and the construction of an upgraded transmission line. On its face, this matter is likely to involve substantially more than \$3,000 since any easement, litigation costs, and construction costs will exceed the \$3,000 limitation amount.

4. In similar Complaint cases involving complaints filed by the Complainant and other landowners affected by the original Fayetteville Transmission Project, the Commission declined to treat the matter under the Small Formal Complaint process.² This decision was the correct approach to the Complaint case under the Commission rules.

5. Contrary to the assertion by the Complainant, the use of the traditional formal complaint process will not adversely affect the Complainants in any way. In fact, under the traditional Formal Complaint process that has been ordered by the Commission, the Commissioners will be more involved in reviewing the case as it progresses through the process and not merely reviewing the decision of the Regulatory Law Judge on appeal as is contemplated by the Small Formal Complaint process.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Complainant's Motion to reclassify the case as a Small Formal Complaint Case.

² See *ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF COMPLAINT, DIRECTING AN ANSWER AND A STAFF INVESTIGATION, Timothy Allegri et al v. Evergy Missouri West Company*, File No. EC-2024-0015 (Aug. 2, 2023)

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing has been served this 22nd day of June 2026 upon counsel of record for all parties.

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