

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.'s)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Tariffs Changing) **Case No. HT-2026-0271**
the Steam QCA for Service Provided to)
Customers in its Service Territory)
)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES AND ISSUING A PRELIMINARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: July 21, 2026

Effective Date: July 21, 2026

On July 21, 2026, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West filed its *Motion for Protective Order and for Expedited Treatment* (Motion) requesting a Protective Order concerning disclosure of its confidential and highly-confidential information through unsecured or generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools, platforms, systems, or similar technology. Evergy Missouri West requested expedited treatment of its motion.

At its core, the Motion seeks to prohibit any party, counsel, or their agents to whom confidential information is disclosed from inputting, uploading, submitting, or otherwise introducing such information into any unsecured or generative AI Tool (e.g. standard ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or similar platforms), including, but not limited to, the use of AI meeting note takers.

The Commission will set a time for responses and will then consider those responses in making a determination on the Motion. While that process unfolds, the Commission will issue a preliminary protective order.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(4) provides that while a motion seeking expanded protection of confidential information is pending, the disclosing party will be afforded the protection sought. Therefore, the Commission will issue a preliminary protective order pending responses from parties and a determination by the Commission regarding the Motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Responses to Evergy Missouri West's Motion shall be filed no later than July 31, 2026.
2. Evergy Missouri West's request for a protective order is preliminarily granted. No party, counsel, or their agents to whom confidential information is disclosed shall input, upload, submit, or otherwise introduce such information into any unsecured or generative AI Tool (e.g. standard ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or similar platforms), including, but not limited to, the use of AI meeting note takers.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of July, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 21st day of July, 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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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).¹

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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