

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF
MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy) Case No. ER-2026-0143
Missouri Metro's Request)
for Authority to Implement)
a General Rate Increase)
for Electric Service)

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
12:00 P.M.

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(Starting time of the comments portion: 12:28 p.m.)

JUDGE CLARK: Good afternoon. Greetings and welcome. Today's date -- today's date is July 16th of 2026, and the current time is 12:28 p.m.

Now, the question-and-answer portion of the public hearing just ended. If you had questions about this rate case, I hope you were able to get those answered. Now comes the more formal part of the hearing, where the -- where interested participants or the public can offer comments to the Commission, and those comments are preserved for the Commission. Now, the Missouri Public Service Commission has set aside this time today for a virtual public hearing in case number ER-2026-0143, a general rate case, which is captioned as: In The Matter of Evergy Doing Business As Evergy Missouri Metro's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service.

My name is John Clark. I'm the regulatory law judge presiding over this hearing this afternoon. The Missouri Public Service Commission regulates the rates charged by

1 investor-owned utility companies in Missouri to
2 ensure that those rates are just and
3 reasonable. The Commission also regulates the
4 quality of service and the safety of operations
5 of investor-owned utilities.

6 Now, the Commission is made up of five
7 commissioners: the chair of the Commission,
8 Kayla Hahn, and Commissioners: Maida Coleman,
9 Glenn Kolkmeyer and John Mitchell. One of the
10 five commission seats is currently vacant.
11 Now, the Commissioners are appointed by the
12 governor to fixed terms and confirmed by the
13 Senate, and the Commissioners employ a staff of
14 engineers, accountants, attorneys, economists,
15 financial analysts and other specialists in the
16 area of utility regulation.

17 With me today, I believe, are
18 Commissioners: Maida Coleman, Glenn Kolkmeyer
19 and John Mitchell. Is the chair of the
20 Commission present? Okay. Would one of the
21 Commissioners like to make an opening remark?

22 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Commissioner
23 Coleman, I'll give the opening, if you want to
24 give the closing.

25 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Go ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Okay. I want to
2 welcome everybody here today. We welcome your
3 comments and your testimony. We're unable to
4 answer any questions because we are still
5 gathering all the information. We have not
6 made any decision in this case because we --
7 the public hearing is the first step in any
8 rate case; so we're coming to you, the rate
9 payers, to have a local public hearing to get
10 your testimony. So, we welcome your comments
11 here today. Again, welcome. Thank you.

12 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner
13 Kolkmeier. Now, a court reporter is
14 transcribing the hearing, as I indicated
15 earlier, so that comments are preserved for
16 Commission review. At this point, I'm going to
17 ask counsel for the parties to enter their
18 appearance for the record, starting with Evergy
19 Missouri Metro.

20 MR. STEINER: Thanks, Judge. Let the
21 record reflect the appearance of Roger W.
22 Steiner for Evergy Missouri Metro.

23 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Steiner. On
24 behalf of the Commission staff?

25 MS. JOHNSON: Hello, Judge Clark. This is

1 Tracy Johnson, and my information is in the
2 chat for the court reporter.

3 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. On
4 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel?

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, chief
6 deputy public counsel, on behalf of the public
7 and the Office of Public Counsel. My
8 information is already in the record.

9 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Williams.
10 And are there any intervenors present? There
11 were a number of intervenors in this case. I
12 hear no intervenors. Now, I don't have a
13 comments sheet in front of me, and that means
14 that at this point nobody has signed up to
15 provide comments to the Commission. If you
16 would like to provide comments to the
17 Commission about this rate case, as I indicated
18 earlier, you can mute yourself to offer those
19 comments by using Star 69, or if you're
20 participating -- if you're participating by
21 telephone, and you can use the unmute button if
22 you're participating by computer or tablet.

23 So, I will ask at this time, is there
24 anybody who wanted to offer comments to the
25 Commission about this rate case? Okay, I hear

1 none. So, it does not appear that there are
2 any comments -- any -- any customers wanting to
3 offer comments of this rate case.

4 I will give one more chance: is there
5 anybody who would like to offer comments? All
6 right, well, I'd like to thank everyone who
7 participated today. If you were here for the
8 question-and-answer session, like I said, I
9 hope you were able to get your questions
10 answered. If not, you can reach out to the
11 Commission by contacting the staff of the
12 Commission. If you have questions, you could
13 also contact Evergy, as well as the Office of
14 Public Counsel.

15 Now, if you decide later you would like to
16 make comments, or someone you know, who was
17 unable to appear today, would like to make
18 comments, you can make written comments by
19 contacting the e-mail address: PSCInfo, at PC,
20 dot, mo, dot, gov, by contacting the Office of
21 Public Counsel; they've been very gracious
22 about getting comments to the Commission or by
23 going to the PSC's web page, and there is a
24 place to offer comments. If that's the case,
25 you will need to know the case number to be

1 sure the comments get attached to the right
2 case. The case number for this case, again, is
3 ER-2026-0143.

4 MR. LAMONS: Judge Clark?

5 JUDGE CLARK: Yes?

6 MR. LAMONS: I believe Nathan Williams
7 raised his hand, and I just want to reiterate:
8 Star 6 to unmute, if you're having troubles.

9 JUDGE CLARK: Okay, Mr. Williams, I'm
10 sorry. I didn't see your hand. Go ahead.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: That's what I was about to
12 point out that you'd said Star 69, and the chat
13 said Star 6 for unmuting, just in case somebody
14 was having issues trying to unmute to provide
15 input.

16 JUDGE CLARK: I'm not sure which it is.
17 Is it Star 6? Is that correct?

18 MR. LAMONS: That's correct.

19 JUDGE CLARK: Yes. I apologize. Okay, is
20 there anybody who would like to offer comments?
21 You can unmute yourself, if you're
22 participating by phone, by dialing Star 6.
23 Again, hearing no comments. I hear no one
24 wanting to offer comments. With that in mind,
25 I will adjourn this hearing, and we'll go off

1 the record. Thank you all.

2 (Ending time of the hearing: 12:35 p.m.)

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1 I, Colin Wallis, in and for the State of
2 Missouri do hereby certify that the witness
3 whose testimony appears in the foregoing
4 Examination Under Oath was duly sworn by me;
5 that the testimony of the said witness was
6 taken by me to the best of my ability and
7 thereafter reduced to typewriting under my
8 direction; that I am neither counsel for,
9 related to, nor employed by any of the parties
10 to the action in which this examination was
11 taken, and further that I am not relative or
12 employee of any attorney or counsel employed by
13 the parties thereto, nor financially or
14 otherwise interested in the outcome of the
15 action.

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