



Evergy Missouri West  
Case Name: 2021\_EMW\_Wholesale Energy Market Rate  
Case Number: EO-2022-0061

Requestor Poston Marc -  
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Question:2013

The Direct Testimony of Jill L. McCarthy p. 16, lines 21-22 & p. 17, lines 1-2 states:

*We have years of historical data of being bypassed for hyperscale data center development because we did not have a coordinated incentive toolbox directly supporting data center development. Missouri would not have been in the initial site search and would not have had any opportunity to move forward without the special electric rate.*

- Please provide said data referenced above where Kansas City, Missouri was bypassed in the past as a result of failure to provide a special electric rate.

**RESPONSE:** (do not edit or delete this line or anything above this)

**Confidentiality:** PUBLIC

**Statement:** This response is Public. No Confidential Statement is needed.

**Response:**

This response is subject to the Company's objection letter to OPC dated Nov. 29.

In Ms. McCarthy's many years in the field of economic development, the KCADC has marketed to data center companies and consultants that lead data center projects. Prior to the Nucor Steel project in 2017, and the tariff resulting from HB1 to negotiate an electric rate, the KCADC was unable to gain traction for any data center operation above 100 MW in use. In contrast, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and Oklahoma all benefitted from data center incentives for hyperscale operations. The Kansas City area was consistently eliminated from consideration by multiple well-known hyperscale data center operations.

**Information provided by:** Brad Lutz

**Attachment(s):**



**Missouri Verification:**

I have read the Information Request and answer thereto and find answer to be true, accurate, full and complete, and contain no material misrepresentations or omissions to the best of my knowledge and belief; and I will disclose to the Commission Staff any matter subsequently discovered which affects the accuracy or completeness of the answer(s) to this Information Request(s).

Signature /s/ *Brad Lutz*  
Director Regulatory Affairs