

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri )  
West for a Financing Order Authorizing the ) **File No. EF-2022-0155**  
Financing of Extraordinary Storm Costs )  
Through an Issuance of Securitized Utility )  
Tariff Bonds )

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on behalf of itself and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”); the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”); the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“MECG”); Velvet Tech Services, LLC (“Velvet”); and Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC (“Nucor”) (collectively “Parties”)<sup>1</sup>, and submits the following proposed procedural schedule in this matter. In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1. On April 12, 2022, the Commission issued an *Order Granting Staff’s Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule* (the “Order”) in this case. The Order directed Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of the parties no later than April 15, 2022.

2. EMW and Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) both currently have general rate increase cases pending before the Commission as Case Nos. ER-2022-0130 and ER-2022-0129, respectively. In addition, EMW and EMM both currently have FAC prudence review cases pending before the Commission as Case Nos. EO-2022-0065 and EO-2022-0064, respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Staff counsel did not receive a response regarding this schedule from Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.

3. Many of the witnesses and attorneys involved in this case are also involved in the cases listed in paragraph 2 above.

4. Taking into consideration the procedural schedules already adopted for Case Nos. ER-2022-0130, ER-2022-0129, EO-2022-0065 and EO-2022-0064, the Parties submit the following procedural schedule proposal and related procedures for this case:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>
Response time for data requests changes to 10 calendar days to respond and 5 calendar days to object or notify of the need for additional time to respond (deadlines do not roll forward to next business day)	May 2, 2022
Response time for data requests changes to 7 calendar days to respond and 3 calendar days to object or notify of the need for additional time to respond (deadlines do not roll forward to next business day)	June 1, 2022
Rebuttal Testimony	June 30, 2022
Settlement conference	July 15, 2022
Surrebuttal Testimony	July 22, 2022
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross Examination	July 25, 2022
Statements of Position	July 26, 2022
Discovery Cutoff (Last day to serve DRs or hold depositions)	July 26, 2022
Evidentiary Hearing	Aug 1-5 (begin daily at 9:00 a.m.)

Transcripts Due	Aug 10, 2022 <sup>2</sup>
Initial Briefs	Aug 31, 2022
Reply Briefs	Sept 12, 2022
Financing Order Deadline	Oct 12, 2022

The parties shall comply with the following procedures:

- (a) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
- (b) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (c) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.
- (d) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of

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<sup>2</sup> The Parties request expedited transcripts

issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

- (e) If testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the testimony or document to the court reporter for marking as an exhibit. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for each other party.
- (f) Data requests and other discovery served on a non-business day, or after 5:00 p.m. on a business day, shall be deemed served on the following business day.
- (g) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- (h) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available

format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties respectfully request the Commission issue an order adopting the procedural schedule and related procedures set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**