

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a) **File No. ET-2021-0151**
Evergy Missouri West for Approval of a)
Transportation Electrification Portfolio)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: April 15, 2021

Effective Date: April 15, 2021

On February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) filed its application requesting the Commission approve transportation electrification pilot programs, pursuant to Section 393.1610, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2020). In addition, Evergy filed associated tariff sheets.¹ Evergy’s application also requests variance of Commission rules prohibiting certain promotional practices and authority to defer costs associated with the pilot programs as a regulatory asset for consideration in future rate cases. Finally, Evergy requests the Commission find that the proposed “Clean Charge Network” expansion plan is “prudent from a decisional perspective.”²

On March 29, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation and recommended the Commission reject the tariff sheets or, alternatively, order the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule. On April 14, 2021, Evergy filed its response to Staff’s recommendation and requested that, rather than denying the tariffs, the Commission

¹ The tariffs proposed effective dates of March 26, 2021. On March 17, 2021, the Commission issued orders in File Nos. ET-2021-0151 and ET-2021-0269 to suspend the tariff sheets until July 24, 2021. The cases were consolidated as File No. ET-2021-0151 on April 15, 2021.

² *Application of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West for an Order Related to Approval of a Transportation Electrification Portfolio*, ¶ 19 (Feb. 24, 2021).

adopt Staff's proposal that the Commission direct the parties to develop and submit a proposed procedural schedule. Evergy's response references the procedure recently used by the Commission in File No. ET-2020-0390 to develop a procedural schedule.³ In addition, Evergy's response offers a proposed schedule, which includes a three-day hearing.

The Commission will direct the parties to consult with Staff to develop a procedural schedule and will direct Staff to file a joint proposed procedural schedule. The parties may review the Commission's hearings calendar, posted at the Commission's website at <https://psc.mo.gov>, to identify conflicts.

The proposed schedule shall specify whether the parties will pre-file testimony and, if so, propose deadlines. In addition, the proposed schedule must include deadlines for a joint list of issues and order of opening, list of witnesses and order of cross-examination; and position statements. The parties may presume position statements will be due no later than 14 days before hearing, and transcripts will be available no earlier than 10 business days after hearing. Any requests for expedited transcripts should be submitted within the period provided for filing a proposed procedural schedule.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, any proposed schedule should presume hearing will be conducted by telephone and video conference, subject to further order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall promptly consult with Staff to develop a proposed procedural schedule.

³ *Evergy Missouri Metro's and Evergy Missouri West's Response to Staff Recommendation*, ¶ 8 (April 14, 2021).

2. Staff shall file a proposed procedural schedule or a status report no later than April 26, 2021.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of April, 2021.