

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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. EE-2022-0071**  
Evergy Missouri West Request for Waiver )  
of Various Tariffs and Regulations Related )  
to Automated Metering Infrastructure )

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REQUEST  
FOR PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: August 3, 2022

Effective Date: August 3, 2022

On January 25, 2022, Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc., and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (collectively, “Evergy”) filed an application for variances from Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-13.050(9), 13.055(3)(C) and (D), including exemplar tariffs reflecting proposed changes to disconnection and reconnection procedures that would be implemented if the variances are granted. Those rules set forth requirements that the utility make on-site visits to customers’ premises for the purpose of notice in the event of a disconnection. Evergy explains that a waiver of the Commission’s rules and Evergy’s tariffs would allow Evergy to fully realize its AMI meters’ capability to remotely disconnect and reconnect services, which would benefit both Evergy and its customers.

Staff filed its recommendation on June 17, 2022, explaining that a Commission decision on this issue has the potential to affect Evergy’s replacement of AMI meters without remote disconnect capability with AMI-SD remote meters. Staff recommended that the Commission deny Evergy’s application because the premature retirement of AMI

meters without remote disconnect capability is at issue in Evergy's current rate cases, ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130. These rate cases were filed before this matter. No timely responses to Staff's recommendation were filed.<sup>1</sup> The Commission issued its order denying Evergy's application for variance on July 7, to become effective on August 6. That order states that it is not a decision on the merits, and therefore does not prevent Evergy from again requesting appropriate variances after the related issues have been resolved in the rate cases.

On July 15, Evergy filed its motion for reconsideration and request for procedural conference, asking the Commission to reconsider its order and to schedule a procedural conference to discuss a procedural schedule for this case. In its motion, Evergy argues that dismissal of this case at this time will result in a delay for its customers to receive the benefits of the use of AMI meters with remote service disconnect and reconnect services. Evergy also argues that dismissal will not promote judicial economy.

Evergy raises no substantive issues in its motion that were not considered in the Commission's order denying Evergy's application for variance. Also, Evergy's claim regarding judicial economy is a naked statement without explanation, and does not raise a significant concern. Therefore, the Commission does not find sufficient reason to reconsider its order and will deny Evergy's motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc., and Evergy Missouri West, Inc.'s motion for reconsideration and request for procedural conference is denied.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days in which to respond to any pleading unless some other time for response is established by the Commission.

2. This order shall become effective on August 3, 2022.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and  
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge


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**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2022.**



  
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**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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