

In the Matter of:

THE NINTH PRUDENCE REVIEW OF COSTS SUBJECT TO THE COMMISSION, etc.

EO-2020-0262; EO-2020-0263, VOL. I

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Procedural Conference, via WebEx

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Subject To The)
Commission-Approved Fuel)
Adjustment Clause of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West)

In The Matter of the Third)
Prudence Review of Costs) File No. EO-2020-0263
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Commission-Approved Fuel)
Adjustment Clause of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro)

NANCY DIPPELL, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Now we'll
2 officially go on the record then. This is File Number
3 EO-2020-0262 and File Number EO-2020-0263 in the
4 matter of the third prudence review of costs subject
5 to the Commission-approved fuel adjustment clause of
6 Evergy Missouri West, Incorporated and Evergy
7 Missouri -- or Evergy Metro, Incorporated.

8 My name's Nancy Dippell. I'm the
9 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter. And we
10 are meeting today with the procedural conference to
11 discuss the hearing and anything else, let the parties
12 discuss settlement and so forth.

13 And having a little bit of technical or
14 other issues this morning and so our court reporter
15 has joined us late. We have on -- this is a video and
16 telephone conference and we have on the phone and
17 present with us Jeff Keevil and Travis Pringle for the
18 Missouri Public Service Commission staff. We have
19 John Clizer for the Office of the Public Counsel. We
20 have Roger Steiner and Josh Harden for Evergy. And we
21 have Henry Robertson for the Sierra Club.

22 And there were other parties that were
23 automatically made parties to this conference by way
24 of the rule automatically making them parties. Those
25 parties -- some of those parties did not have e-mail

1 addresses on file and did not receive an e-mail with
2 this meet-- meeting information on it, but they did
3 receive -- should have received the paper copy telling
4 them that they needed to get me an e-mail if they
5 wanted to participate.

6 So if anyone hears from those parties
7 that they had wanted to participate but did not
8 understand that, please have them make a filing
9 letting me know if they have issues with the
10 procedural schedule that eventually comes out of this.

11 So what we talked about before our court
12 reporter got here was whether or not these cases
13 needed to be consolidated. There's a request for
14 consolidation. And basically I think everyone is in
15 agreement from the parties' perspective it doesn't
16 really matter, other than the electronic filings it
17 sometimes gets confusing to have two separate cases.

18 Filing the evidence is likely to be
19 slightly different, there are slightly different
20 issues for Metro than for West, but as long as the
21 parties can make it clear which part of the
22 evidence -- which company -- part of the company the
23 evidence is pertaining to so that I could keep that
24 straight for the Commission, then there's no reason
25 not to consolidate them.

1 And I lost Mr. Pringle, who is back. So
2 sometimes technical issues may occur during these
3 conferences.

4 Is there anything else that we talked
5 about when we were off the record that we need to put
6 on the record? Did I miss anything? Not seeing
7 anybody. Okay.

8 MR. KEEVIL: Do you plan to issue an
9 order consolidating, Judge?

10 JUDGE DIPPELL: I will before your next
11 filings so that you'll only have to submit it to
12 one -- one file.

13 Okay. We're having some more technical
14 issues. I'm losing people. Maybe it's on my end.

15 MR. PRINGLE: I can still hear
16 everything, in case my video goes out again.

17 MR. STEINER: I'm hearing.

18 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. All right. Is
19 there any -- are there any other issues that need to
20 be addressed on the record from Staff?

21 MR. PRINGLE: Nothing further.

22 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Anything from
23 Office of the Public Counsel?

24 MR. CLIZER: (Inaudible.)

25 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry,

1 Mr. Clizer. I couldn't understand anything that you
2 just said. I'm sorry.

3 JUDGE DIPPELL: Yeah. You were breaking
4 up, Mr. Clizer. Can you try that again?

5 MR. CLIZER: Sure thing. I also wanted
6 to check if I was coming in clear. Do I come in clear
7 over here?

8 JUDGE DIPPELL: There's a little bit of
9 background noise. Would everyone that is not speaking
10 be sure and mute your phones?

11 Try it again, Mr. Clizer. Okay.
12 Definitely -- hang on just a sec.

13 MR. CLIZER: I seem to be able to have
14 much better reception if I walk to the end of my
15 property. Am I clearer now?

16 JUDGE DIPPELL: You are. Go ahead.

17 MR. CLIZER: Okay. Well, it's a little
18 bit difficult, but at any rate, I'm operating under
19 the assumption that we'll be able to resolve
20 procedural issue off the record. So with that, I have
21 nothing that would need to be on the record.

22 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. Thank you. What
23 about the company, Mr. Steiner?

24 MR. STEINER: Nothing more needs to be on
25 the record, Judge. Thank you.

1 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. And I assume,
2 Mr. Harden, he speaks for you as well?

3 MR. HARDEN: Indeed he does.

4 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. And Mr. Robertson,
5 do you have something else that needs to be on the
6 record?

7 MR. ROBERTSON: No. I just wanted to ask
8 for one qualification to the schedule, which is if
9 that sur-surrebuttal line ought to read "if
10 necessary."

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay.

12 MR. STEINER: Henry, I don't think the
13 Judge has seen the schedule yet, so I just submitted
14 it internally.

15 MR. KEEVIL: We haven't agreed to
16 anything on the schedule yet, so that would be a
17 little premature, I think.

18 MR. ROBERTSON: Okay.

19 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. All right
20 then. Anything else before we go off the record?
21 When we go off the record, what I will do is turn the
22 controls over to Mr. Pringle, if that's okay? And
23 he's nodding yes. And I will then leave the
24 conference and I won't be able to hear anything that
25 goes on and the court reporter will drop off also. So

1 you all will have the line all to yourselves.

2 So if there's nothing else that needs to
3 be on the record, I appreciate you guys bearing with
4 us for technical and other difficulties and it was
5 good seeing and talking to you.

6 (Whereupon, the procedural conference was
7 concluded.)

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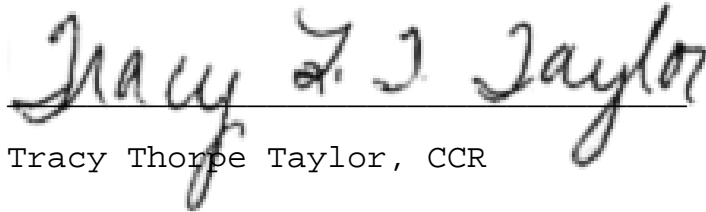
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