

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. EU-2020-0350**
Evergy Missouri West for an Accounting)
Authority Order Allowing the Companies to)
Record and Preserve Costs Related to)
COVID-19 Expenses)

PROCEDURAL ORDER REGARDING EXHIBITS

Issue Date: September 28, 2020

Effective Date: September 28, 2020

On July 1, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* and set a hearing date of September 30-October 1, 2020. On September 23, 2020, the Commission ordered a remote hearing in this matter.

The Commission will modify the procedural order to provide guidance to parties in regard to exhibits. The process described here is intended to accommodate the remote setting and replace the requirement to provide a paper copy of exhibits to other parties and the Commission at hearing.

Parties are not required to provide paper copies of proposed exhibits to the Commission or to other parties without a further order requiring as much.

Prefiled testimony to be marked as an exhibit and offered at hearing should be listed on party exhibit lists, which are required to be provided to all other parties and the regulatory law judge under the Commission's procedural order.¹ All additional proposed exhibits should also be identified on party exhibit lists, which must be provided to all parties by no later than September 28, 2020. **Premarked copies of such exhibits**

¹ *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, ¶4(N) (July 1, 2020) (setting deadline of September 28, 2020).

should be provided to each party and the regulatory law judge by no later than 10 a.m. September 29, 2020.

To the extent reasonably possible, parties are encouraged to identify all proposed exhibits on exhibit lists and provide copies of all proposed exhibits to all other parties before the hearing, including demonstrative exhibits such as presentations parties intend to use at opening. Any exhibit offered during the hearing that has not been provided to other parties will slow the hearing process. All parties should have a ready means of communication to quickly receive and dispatch proposed exhibits during hearing. Those with concerns about distributing confidential materials via electronic means should determine a secure means of doing so in advance.

Exhibits may be identified during the hearing by reference to the numbered item on the party's exhibit list. Parties will complete the process of submitting the exhibit for the record by e-mailing the exhibit as a PDF attachment to exhibits@psc.mo.gov with **File No. EU-2020-0350, party name and exhibit number stated in the subject line**. This process replaces the usual process of handing a paper copy to the court reporter.

Prefiled testimony that is already filed in the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) will be marked by e-mailing exhibits@psc.mo.gov with the correct information stated in the subject line. The body of the e-mail should specify the witness name and EFIS filing date. It is not necessary to attach the prefiled testimony as a PDF unless the exhibit is intended as a correction and is not identical to the filed document.

Parties shall submit all exhibits offered at hearing by e-mail after the hearing and no later than October 2, 2020, unless otherwise ordered. Exhibits will be filed in EFIS

accordingly. Parties should verify the accuracy of the filings, and corrections to any misidentified document should be submitted by no later than October 16, 2020.

The Commission will also note for the record that the regulatory law judge has scheduled – in collaboration with the parties by e-mail – an informal, off-the-record practice session via Webex on Monday, September 28, to allow the parties and witnesses to troubleshoot any connection problems. The regulatory law judge has offered an additional practice session for any party unable to attend the September 28 session. A practice session is optional and no party is ordered to attend.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Parties shall identify proposed exhibits and provide copies of proposed exhibits to all parties and the regulatory law judge as described above, unless otherwise ordered.
2. Parties shall complete the process of submitting an exhibit to the record via e-mail as described above, unless otherwise ordered.
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 28th day of September, 2020.