

1                   BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
2                                   OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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4   In the Matter of the Application of Evergy   )  
5   Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri   )  
6   West for Authority to Implement Rate        ) File No.  
7   Adjustments Required by 20 CSR            ) ER-2023-0444  
8   4240-20.090(8) and the Company's         ) Tracking No.  
9   Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost    ) JE-2023-0229  
10   Recovery Mechanism                         )

11           Transcript of the proceedings in the above-entitled  
12   matter came on for prehearing conference September 7, 2023,  
13   before Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge, via remote  
14   WebEx teleconference commencing at 2:00 p.m.

15                                   PROCEEDINGS

16                           (WHEREUPON, the following proceedings  
17                           were duly had:)

18                   THE COURT: Today is  
19   September 7, 2023, and it's two o'clock p.m., the  
20   commission has set this time for a prehearing  
21   conference in the case captioned as: In the Matter of  
22   the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Incorporated,  
23   doing business as Evergy Missouri West for Authority  
24   to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CSR  
25   4240-20.090(8) and the Company's Approved Fuel and  
26   Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism. It is our  
27   file number ER-2023-0444.

28                                   My name is Ken Seyer, and I'm the

1 Regulatory Law Judge in this matter. And  
2 we'll begin by the attorneys making their  
3 entries of appearance, starting with Evergy  
4 Missouri West.

5 APPEARANCES

6 MR. STEINER: Thank you.

7 Mr. Roger Steiner, for Evergy Missouri West,  
8 1200 Main Street, (indiscernible), is my address,  
9 64105 is my zip code. And I will let Mr. Fisher give  
10 his entry.

11 MR. FISHER: Yes, Judge, on behalf of  
12 The Company, is James Fisher, Fisher and Dority, P.C.,  
13 and my address is 2081 Honeysuckle Lane, Jefferson  
14 City, Missouri 65109.

15 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.  
16 And on behalf of the staff of The Commission?

17 MR. IRVING: Yes. This is Ron Irving  
18 with staff. The address here is 200 Madison Street,  
19 P.O. Box 316, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

20 THE COURT: Okay. And Office of  
21 Public Counsel?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thought I had  
23 seen --

24 THE COURT: There you go.  
25 Mr. Williams? I think you have your mute on. If

1 you're able to, take it off. If it's by phone,  
2 Mr. Williams, I believe a star six will unmute and  
3 mute. All right. It is showing that Mr. Williams is  
4 in the meeting. Just a second. All right. He is  
5 going to try to log on again. All right.

6 Mr. Williams, are you there? All right. I will try  
7 Mr. Williams again. Can you hear me, Mr. Williams?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Hello.

9 THE COURT: Hello, Mr. Williams?

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Finally.

11 THE COURT: All right. Excellent.

12 Good to have you with us. Could you go ahead and  
13 enter your appearance for the record? Could you go  
14 ahead and enter your appearance for the record?

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Sure. Nathan Williams,  
16 Chief Deputy Public Counsel, appearing on behalf of  
17 the Office of Public Counsel and the public in  
18 general. My address is 200 Governor Office Building,  
19 Suite 650, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City,  
20 Missouri 65102, and it's at P.O. Box 2230.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. It  
22 looks, from the docket, that there had been no  
23 applications to intervene. Are the parties in a  
24 position where they can collaborate and present a  
25 joint proposed procedural schedule?

1 MR. STEINER: Your Honor, this is  
2 Roger. I think we wanted to use this meeting to  
3 discuss, I think you set a date of the 21st  
4 (indiscernible) I might be getting that wrong or mixed  
5 up with a different case, but yes, we'll be to submit  
6 that -- we will be able to submit a target proposed  
7 procedural (indiscernible.)

8 THE COURT: Yes. The 21st.

9 MR. IRVING: Yes. That shouldn't be a  
10 problem.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Is there any -- is  
12 there any other matters you'd like to take up today?

13 MR. STEINER: No.

14 THE COURT: All right. I'm bearing  
15 on -- and, assuming, Mr. Williams, not to pick on  
16 Mr. Williams, but, nothing from you, Mr. Williams?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry?

18 THE COURT: I said, Mr. Williams,  
19 nothing you'd like to take up today?

20 MR. WILLIAMS: No, I concur with what  
21 Roger said.

22 THE COURT: All right. Well, then, if  
23 there is nothing further, then we'll go off the record  
24 and close the meeting.

25 (CONCLUDED AT 2:14 p.m.)

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## CERTIFICATE

I, Charmee Humphreys, CCR, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings were reported verbatim through the use of the voicewriting method and thereafter transcribed by me or under my direct supervision to the best of my ability, taken via WebEx videoconference.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or employed by the parties hereto, nor financially interested or otherwise in the outcome of this action, and that I have no contract with the parties, attorneys, or persons with an interest in the action that affects impartiality or that requires me to provide any service not made available to all parties to the action.



Subscribed and sworn to me on this 18th day of September, 2023.

**CHARMEE HUMPHREYS CCR #1508  
SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI  
CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER**

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