

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day of
September, 2023.

In the Matter of a Working Case Regarding)
Utility Actions Related to Securing Funding)
from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs)
Act of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act)
of 2022)

File No. AW-2023-0156

ORDER DIRECTING STATUS REPORTS AND UPDATES

Issue Date: September 27, 2023

Effective Date: September 27, 2023

On November 10, 2022, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a motion requesting the Commission open a working group file allowing the regulated investor-owned utilities (IOUs) in the state to present and explain the actions they were taking to utilize the funds available to them in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). An initial workshop for the IOUs, government agencies, and community organizations was held on April 21, 2023, at which the various entities made presentations and discussions were held.

On August 15, 2023, Public Counsel filed a request that the Commission order the IOUs to file status reports providing “all attempts to obtain federal funding through the IIJA and IRA, the IOU’s success at obtaining those funds, and each IOU’s plans to utilize the obtained funds.” Public Counsel further listed specific information that the reports should contain.

Responses to Public Counsel’s motion were received from Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri and from Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri

Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively referred to as “Evergy”). Both Ameren Missouri and Evergy responded to Public Counsel’s motion indicating they supported the motion. Ameren Missouri and Evergy requested that the Commission either direct the IOUs, Public Counsel, and Staff to work together to determine a mutually agreeable timeframe for the reports or to order the reports due in October 2023. The Commission will grant Public Counsel’s motion and direct status reports due in October 2023.

In addition to the items requested by Public Counsel, the Commission notes that because this is a working group case, the parties may provide updates at any time, and do not need to wait for an order of the Commission or make motion to do so. The Commission is also aware that there are additional funding opportunities from the federal government (including the Environmental Protection Agency’s Green House Gas Reduction Fund) that in addition to the specific direction below, the parties may report in these filings any efforts to secure other federal funding opportunities.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 31, 2023, each water, sewer, electric, and gas IOU in the state of Missouri shall file a status report explaining all attempts it has made to obtain federal funding through the IIJA and IRA, the success it has had at obtaining those funds, and the plans it has to utilize those funds. If no attempts to secure funding have been made, or the IOU has no plans to file an application to receive funds, no report is needed. Specifically, the IOU shall provide the following:

- a. Regarding current and future applications for IJJA and/or IRA funding, organized by application:
 - i. the IOU's reason or plan for the funds requested;
 - ii. the application's date;
 - iii. the application's status;
 - iv. the dollar amount requested;
 - v. if applicable, the dollar amount received; and
 - vi. any future applications the IOU plans to pursue.
 - b. Any feedback or guidance, if any, each IOU is waiting for the federal government to provide.
2. This order shall be effective on September 27, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary

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

Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge