

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Matthew)
Gibreal for Change of Electric Supplier)
From Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West to Osage Valley)
Electric Cooperative)
File No. EO-2024-0166

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and makes the following status report:

On November 13, 2023¹, Matthew Gibreal filed an application with the Commission requesting a change of electric supplier from Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West to Osage Valley Electric Cooperative. The Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the application or a report stating when it expects to do so no later than December 29.

Staff reports that it has not successfully communicated with Mr. Gibreal because he provided no telephone number or email address. Staff has written him a contact letter and waits a response. Staff has propounded data requests to Osage Valley Electric Cooperative and Evergy Missouri West. Responses were due on December 26, 2023. Evergy Missouri West responded one day late on December 27, 2023. Osage Valley Electric Cooperative has not yet responded to Staff’s data requests. After review of the responses and discussion with Mr. Gibreal, Staff may need to send out additional discovery. Staff believes it will require another 45 days to prepare a recommendation on this file.

¹ All date references will be to 2023 unless otherwise indicated.

Staff, however, reports that there are actually three files, EO-2024-0161, EO-2024-0166, and EO-2024-0181, involved. All are change of supplier requests made by three property owners with closely related properties. All three files involve issues (change of supplier) and subject matter (the origin of service areas) common to all three. Three lots of real property, either contiguous or closely proximate, are involved with new construction on all three, and it appears that the source of title on the three is related. Evergy's filings indicate that Evergy has worked with the three landowners to arrange to extend power to their building sites. Because three owners are involved, three applications were filed. Because of the provenance of the three files, Staff suggests that the Commission may wish to consolidate them. Staff acknowledges, however, that the three applicants will have views to be stated and considered on that score.

At a minimum, however, for the purposes of Staff's administrative economy and efficiency, Staff would ask that the Commission coordinate Staff's deadlines in this EO-2024-0166 file with the deadlines that the Commission sets in the other two files.² Staff's recommendations are reviewed by multiple technical and legal staff, and, where subject matter and issues are closely related, as here, making three case memoranda due in the same time frame will ease Staff's review process. Staff would suggest, accordingly, that the Commission set the deadline for Staff recommendation in EO-2024-0166, for February 16, 2024. Staff further states it has no objection to the three files being consolidated.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept this status report.

² Staff's recommendations or, in lieu, its status reports are due, respectively, on January 3, 2024, and January 17 2024, in EO-2024-0161 and EO-2024-0181.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned by his signature below certifies that the foregoing pleading was served upon all counsel of record on this December 28, 2023, by electronic filing in EFIS, electronic mail, hand-delivery, or U.S. postage prepaid.

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