

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 31st day of January, 2024.

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)	<u>File No. ET-2024-0182</u>
Evergy Missouri Metro's and Evergy Missouri)	Tracking No. JE-2024-0081 &
West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Solar)	JE-2024-0082
Subscription Rider Tariff Filings)	

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND FURTHER
SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS**

Issue Date: January 31, 2024

Effective Date: January 31, 2024

On December 1, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively "Evergy") filed revised tariff sheets, Tracking Nos. JE-2024-0081 and JE-2024-0082, regarding a Solar Subscription Rider Tariff. On December 15, 2023, Staff filed its recommendation that the Commission reject the tariff filings, provide guidance regarding the treatment of Solar Subscription Program (SSP) participants on time-based rate plans, hold an on-the-record proceeding where the Commission may gather additional information from Evergy regarding the billing system changes needed for participation of SSP customers in time-based rate plans, direct Evergy to file new tariff sheets, and order a procedural conference as soon as possible to set up a procedural schedule. On December 21, 2023, the Commission suspended the proposed tariff sheets for 120 days until April 30, 2024, and set a procedural conference.

At the procedural conference, the parties were directed to file proposed procedural schedules. On January 8, 2024, Staff filed an expedited procedural schedule with a bifurcated proceeding including a first hearing on January 24, 2024. On January 25, 2024,

Evergy filed a proposed procedural schedule in response to Staff which included a single proceeding with the hearing dates in the latter part of May 2024.¹

The Commission understands Staff's request to hear this case expeditiously so that Evergy's billing systems can be programmed and customer information be received in a timely fashion. However, the Commission is unable to hear the evidence regarding these tariff changes as quickly as Staff requests. Therefore, the Commission will set an expedited procedural schedule as set out below.²

Section 393.150, RSMo 2016, provides that the Commission may suspend tariff sheets for a period of up to 120 days, plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing. So that the Commission may have sufficient time to hold a hearing and make a decision in this matter, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional six months as allowed by the statute.³

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets assigned Tracking Nos. JE-2024-0081 and JE-2024-0082 are suspended an additional six months until October 30, 2024.

2. The following procedural schedule is set:

Data Request Response Times Shortened After This Date	January 31, 2024
Direct Testimony	February 20, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony	March 12, 2024
Surrebuttal Testimony	March 22, 2024
Issues List/Order of Witnesses, etc.	March 26, 2024

¹ Subjects related to this case were also discussed during the on-the-record presentation on January 22, 2024, in the Commission's File No. EW-2023-0199, *In the Matter of a Collaborative Workshop for Customer Education and Outreach Regarding the Introduction of Default Time-of-Use Rates by Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West.*

² If the parties should reach an agreement as to different procedural dates than the Commission has set, they may file an appropriate pleading requesting changes to the procedural schedule.

³ Section 393.150.2, RSMo.

Position Statements	March 28, 2024
Exhibit Lists Filed	April 1, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing Beginning 9:00 a.m. (first day)	April 3-4, 2024
Expedited Transcripts to be received by the Commission	April 9, 2024
Briefs	April 19, 2024

3. The parties shall comply with the following procedures:

(A) For written testimony, all parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. No party is required to file testimony, but any party may file any level of testimony so long as it complies with the Commission's rules.

(B) For any data requests propounded on or after January 31, 2024, responses to data requests shall be made within five calendar days and objections or notice of need for more time respond to data requests shall be made with two business days.

(C) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as not requiring resolution by the Commission. Staff shall coordinate and file the list of issues on behalf of the parties.

(D) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(E) If testimony or documents are prefiled and served upon the parties before a hearing, then no paper copy of the exhibit needs to be provided at hearing. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall provide a copy to the court reporter, all counsel, the presiding officer and the Commissioners.

(F) Hearing exhibit numbers are assigned as follows:

1-99	Evergy
100-199	Commission Staff
200-299	Office of the Public Counsel
300-399	Renew Missouri Advocates

(G) Each party shall prepare a list of its pre-filed, pre-marked exhibits and file a copy of that list in the EFIS file. Exhibits that may be offered during cross examination, but which have not been pre-filed, need not be included on the list. However, when those documents are offered during the hearing, they will be assigned a number from that party's number group. Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C). For example, the public version of exhibit two would be marked as Exhibit 2, whereas the confidential version of exhibit two would be marked as Exhibit 2C.

4. The Commission shall hold an evidentiary hearing on April 3-4, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the first day. The hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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

Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 31st day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 31, 2024

File/Case No. ET-2024-0182

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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