

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

In the Matter of Requests for Customer)
Account Data Production) **File No. EO-2024-0002**

**EVERGY’S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS OF CHAIRMAN RUPP, COMMISSIONER
KOLKMEYER, AND JUDGE HATCHER REGARDING SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS
AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

COME NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) (collectively, the “Company”), by and through their counsel and, for their *Response to Comments of Chairman Rupp, Commissioner Kolkmeier and Judge Hatcher Regarding Settlement Discussions And Briefing Schedule* (“Response”) states as follows:

1. On January 31, 2024, at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearings in this matter, Chairman Scott Rupp and Commissioner Kolkmeier made on-the-record comments to the parties that strongly suggested that the parties continue to discuss ways that this case could be amicably resolved.
2. Judge Charles Hatcher also inquired whether the briefing schedule should be modified to facilitate further discussions among the parties. At the hearing, Evergy indicated that it believed that a previously established briefing schedule should be maintained until it was determined if additional discussions among the parties could be productive.
3. In response to Chairman Rupp’s and Commissioner Kolkmeier’s comments, Evergy hereby informs the Commission and the parties that Evergy also believes that additional informal discussions among the parties should be commenced as soon as reasonably practicable to clarify the parameters of a possible resolution of the case. Evergy believes that additional discussions of the parties will be necessary to further clarify various technical details of the positions of the parties in

order to develop an amicable resolution of this case. Nevertheless, Evergy is hopeful that further discussions may help to resolve the issues, or at a minimum, narrow the issues that are left for resolution by the Commission.

4. At the conclusion of the hearing, in response to Judge Hatcher's inquiry about the briefing schedule, Evergy informed the Judge that it preferred to maintain the previously scheduled briefing schedule. However, in order to facilitate further discussions among the parties, Evergy is willing to extend the briefing schedule, if after further discussions, the parties believe that additional time for discussion would be helpful in resolving or narrowing the issues in this case. Evergy believes it may be possible to identify whether a suspension of the briefing schedule would be appropriate after further discussions among Evergy, Staff, OPC, and MECCG.

WHEREFORE, Evergy hereby files its Response to Comments Of Chairman Rupp, Commissioner Kolkmeier, and Judge Hatcher Regarding Settlement Discussions and Briefing Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon counsel for all parties on this 2nd day of February 2024 by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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