

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

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West’s Request for Authority to) **File No. ER-2024-0189**
Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric)
Service)

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through counsel, and states that on February 2, 2024, Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”, the “Company”, or “Evergy”) filed a request for authority to implement general rate increases for electric service. On behalf of itself, EMW, and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”)(collectively, “Parties”), Staff respectfully proposes the following Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule:

Proposed Procedural Schedule

1. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Filing Date	February 2, 2024
Discovery Conference	April 16, 2024
Discovery Conference	May 14, 2024
Discovery Conference	June 7, 2024
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Revenue Requirement	June 27, 2024
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Rate Design	July 12, 2024
Local Public Hearings	July/Aug
First Technical Conference	July 23, 2024
Evergy Provides True-Up Information	August 2, 2024
Rebuttal Testimony	August 6, 2024
Discovery Conference	August 14, 2024
Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct Testimony	September 10, 2024
Non-Utility Parties Values of Issues for Reconciliation	September 13, 2024
Reconciliation (not filed)	September 16, 2024
True-up Rebuttal and Discovery Cut-off	September 17, 2024
List of Issues, Etc.	September 17, 2024

Position Statements	September 20, 2024
Reconciliation Filed	September 23, 2024
Settlement Conference	September 23-24, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	September 30, 2024- October 11, 2024
Filing of Expedited Transcripts	October 18, 2024
Initial Briefs	November 1, 2024
Reply/True-Up Briefs	November 15, 2024
Requested Report & Order	December 1, 2024
Effective Date of Rates	January 1, 2025

Test Year, True-Up, and Update Period

2. The Parties shall utilize a test year ending June 30, 2023, updated through December 31, 2023.
3. The true-up period shall end June 30, 2024.

Discovery Procedures

4. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:
 - a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
 - b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
 - c. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission’s Electronic Filing and Information System (“EFIS”), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the “description” of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires

the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule. Evergy's responses to Staff data requests will be available to other parties on EFIS. In addition, Evergy's responses to all parties' data requests will be available for review on CaseWorksEX for parties who complete the requirements for accessing the CaseWorksEX system.

- d. Until the filing of Rate Design Rebuttal testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Rebuttal testimony (August 6, 2024) and before the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 10, 2024), the response time for data requests shall be 10 calendar days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 10, 2024), the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Surrebuttal testimony is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).
- e. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- f. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the

party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

- g. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.
- h. The Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than October 18, 2024.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule in compliance with the Commission's February 5, 2024 order.

Respectfully submitted,

//s/ Travis J. Pringle

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 27th day of February 2024.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle