

**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 Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Electric Service

File No. ER-2024-0189

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE AND ORDER
SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: March 8, 2024

Effective Date: March 8, 2024

On February 2, 2024, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West filed the above-reference rate case. The Commission directed notice and set a deadline for applications to intervene. The Commission received intervention requests from Renew Missouri, Velvet Tech Services, LLC, Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Sierra Club, and Google, LLC. More than ten days have passed since the applications were filed and no one has responded.

After considering the unopposed applications to intervene, the Commission finds that the applicants have interests which are different from that of the general public and allowing the applicants to intervene will serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

On February 27, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule on behalf of all the parties at the time of the filing. The Commission finds the schedule reasonable, and will adopt it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The applications to intervene filed by Renew Missouri, Velvet Tech Services, LLC, Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Sierra Club, and Google, LLC., are granted.

2. The following procedural schedule is established¹:

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| Discovery Conference | April 16 |
| Discovery Conference | May 14 |
| Discovery Conference | June 7 |
| Staff/Intervenor Direct – Revenue Req. | June 27 |
| Staff/Intervenor Direct – Rate Design | July 12 |
| Local Public Hearings | July-August |
| First Technical Conference | July 23 |
| True-Up Documentation Provided | August 2 |
| Rebuttal | August 6 |
| Discovery Conference | August 14 |
| Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct | September 10 |
| Non-Utility Values for Reconciliation | September 13 |
| Reconciliation (not filed) | September 16 |
| True-up Rebuttal and Discovery Cut-off | September 17 |
| List of Issues, Order of Opening Statements, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, etc. | September 17 |
| Statements of Position | September 20 |

¹ Calendar references are to 2024 unless otherwise noted.

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| Reconciliation Filed | September 23 |
| Settlement Conference | September 23-24 |
| Evidentiary Hearing | September 30- October 4, October 7-11² |
| Expedited transcript filing | October 18 |
| Initial Briefs | November 1 |
| Reply/True-Up Briefs | November 15 |

3. The parties shall utilize a test year ending June 30, 2023, updated through December 31, 2023.

4. The true-up period shall end June 30, 2024.

5. The Commission adopts the following discovery procedures:

- 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

² Unless otherwise ordered, each hearing day shall begin at 9:00 a.m.

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.

- 6. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

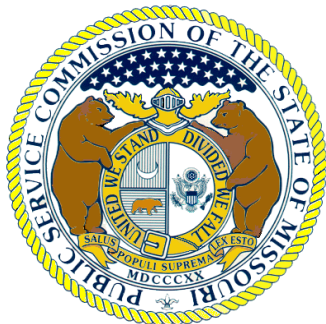
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of March, 2024.

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 8th day of March 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 8, 2024

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

Sincerely,

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

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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