

In the Matter of:

**THE RATE DESIGN CASE OF EVERGY METRO, INC., d/b/a EVERGY MISSOURI METRO, etc.**

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**EO-2021-0349 AND EO-2021-0350, VOL. I**

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Every Missouri Metro and In )  
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PROCEEDINGS

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2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on  
3 the record. This is the procedural conference for  
4 File Nos. EO-2021-0349 and EO-2021-0350. I am Ron  
5 Pridgin. I am the regulatory law judge assigned to  
6 preside over these procedural conferences that are  
7 being held on August 3rd, 2021. And due to the  
8 COVID-19 pandemic, we are doing this by Webex. Let  
9 me get entries of appearance from counsel please,  
10 beginning with Evergy.

11 MR. STEINER: Let the record reflect the  
12 appearance of Roger W. Steiner. My address is 1200  
13 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Also  
14 appearing is Jim Fischer.

15 And, Jim, I don't know your address.

16 MR. FISCHER: My address is 101 Madison,  
17 Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Steiner,  
19 thank you. Mr. Fischer, thank you. Any entry of  
20 appearance on behalf of Dogwood Energy.

21 MR. LUMLEY: Thank you, Judge. Carl  
22 Lumley of the Curtis Heinz firm entering for Dogwood  
23 Energy. Address is 130 South Bemiston, Suite 200,  
24 St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Lumley,

1 thank you. Let me check. I don't think anyone from  
2 Staff or Public Counsel is on the call, but let me  
3 double check. Is anyone here to enter an appearance  
4 on behalf of the Staff of the commission? Hearing  
5 nothing, anyone here to enter an appearance on behalf  
6 of the Office of the Public Counsel?

7 MR. STOKES: I apologize, Judge. This is  
8 Curt Stokes for -- attorney for Staff.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Stokes, thank you.  
10 Good morning.

11 MR. STOKES: Good morning.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Stokes, could I get  
13 your entry of appearance please.

14 MR. STOKES: Yes. My name is Curt Stokes  
15 for the staff of the Missouri Public Service  
16 Commission.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Stokes, thank you.  
18 And again, any entry on behalf of the Office of the  
19 Public Counsel?

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Nathan William  
21 appearing on behalf of the Office of the Public  
22 Counsel and the public, Governor Office Building,  
23 Suite 650, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City,  
24 Missouri 65102.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams, thank you.

1 And I've noticed a few other parties, I haven't heard  
2 from them. Does anyone else wish to enter an  
3 appearance?

4 MR. OPITZ: Yes, Judge. This is Tim  
5 Opitz on behalf of Renew Missouri. My address is 409  
6 Vandiver Drive, Building 5, Suite 205, Columbia,  
7 Missouri 65202.

8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Opitz, thank you.  
9 Excuse me. Have I over looked anyone? Anyone else  
10 wishing to enter an appearance?

11 All right. Hearing none, let me just  
12 briefly say I understand the purpose of this  
13 procedural conference is for parties to get together  
14 and try to figure out a procedural schedule. If it's  
15 any assistance, and this may not be accurate, but the  
16 last time I checked with the Commission, if the  
17 parties wanted some sort of on-the-record  
18 presentation or some sort of question and answer  
19 session with the Commission, I believe September 28th  
20 was a date that was good for all the commission. If  
21 that's something that you put in the procedural  
22 schedule, I would appreciate it, but I cannot  
23 guarantee that the schedules haven't changed in the  
24 last few days. So hopefully that's at least some  
25 guidance. And obviously if you prefer another date,

1 you're welcome to ask for whatever date that you want  
2 and we'll try to accommodate you if you can.

3 MR. STEINER: Thank you, Judge, that's  
4 helpful.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're very welcome. And  
6 I think that's all that I have. And again, I'd  
7 caution the parties on once I disconnect the call,  
8 you should be able to stay on and talk, but if not,  
9 you may need to find alternative methods of  
10 communication to talk. Is there anything else that  
11 the parties need to bring to my attention before I go  
12 off the record?

13 MR. WILLIAMS: No, Judge.

14 MR. STOKES: No, Judge.


15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Hearing nothing, I will  
16 go off the record. Please stay on the line if you're  
17 able to and continue to talk, but otherwise, that  
18 will conclude the on-the-record portion of this  
19 procedural conference. Thank you very much. We are  
20 off the record.

21 (Off the record.)  
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