

**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

FILING OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of itself, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”)(collectively, the “parties”) hereby respectfully submits this *Filing of Local Public Hearing Notice*:

1. On February 2, 2024, EMW filed its application for the purpose of making changes to its respective charges for electric service.

2. On April 9, 2024, the Commission ordered Staff to file local public hearing suggestions or a status report no later than April 22, 2024. The parties filed a Status Report, indicating that the parties needed more time to discuss locations, dates, times, and language to be included in the notice to customers. The parties anticipated finishing these discussions and having the local public hearing suggestions ready for filing no later than April 29, 2024.

3. The parties have agreed upon the language contained in the notice, attached hereto as Appendix A. In order for EMW to attach the notice to customers’ July bills, an order from the Commission approving the notice and identifying the exact meeting locations for the in-person local public hearings must be issued no later than May 30, 2024.

4. The dates, times and locations of the local public hearings proposed by the parties are as follows:

- a. July 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in St. Joseph, Missouri;
- b. July 30, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Lee's Summit, Missouri;
- c. July 31, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Sedalia, Missouri; and
- d. Two virtual local public hearings on August 1, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully submit this *Filing of Local Public Hearing Notice*, and pray the Commission accept the same as satisfying the Commission's order.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all parties and/or all counsel(s) of record this 29th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

APPENDIX A

Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy”) has filed a rate increase request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“PSC”). The requested increase would total approximately \$109 million for an approximate increase of 13.99% in the territory served as Evergy Missouri West. This includes an increase in fuel costs of \$4.7 million.

For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately 17% or \$17.52 per month. Of this increase, approximately 0.57% is for changes in fuel costs.

Evergy has also asked the PSC to continue the Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). The FAC allows Evergy to adjust customers’ bills two times per year based on the varying cost of fuel and power purchased in the current volatile market. The FAC adjustment is applied to customers’ bills based on the customer’s usage.

Any increase or decrease in fuel costs is reflected in the FAC. This means the customer bill is based on more current fuel costs.

Local Public Hearing Information

The PSC is holding public hearings where customers can ask questions and testify about Evergy’s rate request. Customers are encouraged to participate in the hearings.

Each hearing is divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of Evergy, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and the PSC Staff. The PSC Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will not attend the informal question and answer session. Your questions and the answers provided will not be part of the evidence the PSC reviews. In the second part, PSC Commissioners and a regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify as part of the official record of the case.

Public hearings will be held in person and virtually according to the following schedule:

In Person Public Hearings		
Date	Location	Start Time

Anyone is welcome to attend the in-person local public hearings at the addresses and times listed above.

Virtual Public Hearings		
Date	Dial-In Information	Start Time
Day, Date	Dial 1-855-718-6621 Access Code: XXXXXXXXX Password: XXXX	Time
Day, Date		
Day, Date		

To attend a virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call toll-free XXX, listen to the prompt and enter the corresponding meeting number listed above followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter the corresponding password listed above. To attend a virtual local public hearing by WebEx video (internet), visit the website www.webex.com. You can also download the Cisco WebEx meetings application on your mobile device, laptop, desktop, or tablet prior to the hearing and join the meeting at the hearing time by entering the corresponding meeting number and password listed above.

To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the WebEx question-and-answer session or make comment to the Commission during a WebEx hearing shall register by calling 800-392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

Any individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings should contact the PSC at least **ten days prior to the hearing** at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, or if you would like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Telephone: (800) 392-4211
Email: pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

In addition, you may also provide comments or request additional information from the OPC, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting the OPC directly at:

Office of the Public Counsel
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
Telephone: (866) 922-2959 (toll free) or (573) 751-4857
Email: opcservice@opc.mo.gov

Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. From this webpage, click on "Submit comments" under the heading "Submit Comments in Writing." When submitting comments please reference File No. ER-2024-0189.

All documents filed as part of the rate review can be found on the PSC's EFIS at psc.mo.gov/general/efis, click on "Docket Sheet" under the heading "EFIS Shortcuts," and enter Case No. ER-2024-0189.