

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held by telephone
and internet audio conference
on the 1st day of July, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West for an Accounting) **File No. EU-2020-0350**
Authority Order Allowing the Companies to)
Record and Preserve Costs Related to)
COVID-19 Expenses)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 1, 2020

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

On May 6, 2020, Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) applied for an accounting authority order (AAO) to govern costs and financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. After the intervention period expired and the Commission granted multiple intervention applications, the parties met on June 16, 2020, for a prehearing conference.

Evergy, on June 22, 2020, filed a proposed procedural schedule and indicated no party objects to the proposal. The proposed schedule designates December 18, 2020, as the date of a “Commission Order.” On June 23, 2020, the Commission directed Evergy to clarify whether it seeks an order effective before the end of the year and, if so, to explain the reasons for such a request. On June 26, 2020, Evergy filed a response indicating that it proposes December 18, 2020, as the last date a Commission order could be issued with a 30-day effective date that would allow Evergy to reflect the requested deferral in

its 2020 financial books, which “do not close until late January or early February 2021.” Evergy’s response indicates it prefers to begin recording COVID-19 deferrals in its 2020 books. Evergy also indicated it hopes to align resolution of this matter with a similar matter pending before the Kansas Corporation Commission.

The Commission will adopt the proposed procedural schedule, with some revisions and a modified hearing date. The Commission will direct the Commission’s Staff to file a joint list of issues. In adopting the following schedule, which should allow timely resolution of this matter, the Commission has taken into consideration Evergy’s request for an order no later than December 18, 2020. However, the Commission finds it is impractical to designate a decision date.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Direct Testimony	July 8, 2020
Rebuttal Testimony	August 17, 2020
Surrebuttal Testimony	September 4, 2020
Joint List of Issues	September 9, 2020
Position Statements	September 16, 2020
Evidentiary Hearing	September 30-October 1, 2020
Initial Briefs	October 19, 2020
Reply Briefs	November 2, 2020

2. The hearing shall commence at 9 a.m. on September 30, 2020.

3. Unless otherwise ordered, the hearing shall be held at the Commission’s office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with

Disabilities Act. Those who require additional accommodations to participate in this hearing may call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:
 - (A) Testimony shall be prefiled in compliance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130. All parties must comply with the rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
 - (B) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described, or on whether a listed issue is a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day at hearing, the order in which witnesses will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues shall be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
 - (C) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue. Position statements shall set forth any order requested, cite any law authorizing such relief, allege relevant facts and cite testimony in support.
 - (D) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed and served in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the list of issues filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues to be

decided by the Commission.

(E) If testimony or documents are filed and served upon the parties before hearing, a party need only provide a copy of the prefiled testimony or document to the court reporter to be marked as an exhibit at hearing. If an exhibit is not filed and served upon the parties before hearing, a party must provide sufficient copies for the court reporter, each Commissioner, the presiding officer and counsel for all other parties at hearing.

(F) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel 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 already exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchange.

(G) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving such documents on counsel of record for all other parties by email. Confidential documents are considered served when filed in EFIS, may be obtained from EFIS, and shall not be served via email.

(H) With regard to data requests:

i. When serving a data request, counsel for each party shall send, contemporaneously, to counsel for each party, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of the data request.

ii. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible. If submission and/or response via EFIS is not feasible,

data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel. If the description of a Staff-issued data request is voluminous or contains confidential or proprietary information, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy.

iii. 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.

iv. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by email 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 confidentiality requirements.

v. 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.

(I) The parties shall make an effort not to include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

(J) The response time for all data requests shall be 15 days, with five business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than 15

days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed.

(K) With regard to workpapers:

i. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing testimony shall not be filed with the Commission but shall be submitted to each party within two business days following the filing of the testimony document, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers.

ii. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked.

iii. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

(L) Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format in which inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in the original format, if available, with formulas intact.

(M) Exhibit numbers for the hearing are assigned in the following manner:

1-99	Evergy
100-199	Commission Staff
200-299	Office of the Public Counsel
300-399	Midwest Energy Consumer's Group

- 400-499 Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri
- 500-599 Sierra Club
- 600-699 Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri
- 700-799 Spire Missouri Inc.
- 800-899 Missouri-American Water Company
- 900-999 Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers
- 1000-1099 National Housing Trust

(N) Each party shall prepare a list of its prefiled, premarked exhibits and submit a copy of that list to every other party and to the regulatory law judge no later than September 28, 2020. The lists shall not be filed in EFIS. Exhibits that may be offered during cross-examination and have not been prefiled need not be included on such lists. Any such exhibits, if offered, will be assigned a number as provided above.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge