# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Kevin Kojeski,	Complainant,	)	
V.		) ) <u>Fi</u> \	le No. EC-2025-0007
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West,		)	
	Respondent.	)	

## ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND EXTENDING TIME TO ISSUE RECOMMENDED REPORT AND ORDER

Issue Date: September 6, 2024 Effective Date: September 6, 2024

On July 2, 2024,<sup>1</sup> Kevin Kojeski filed a complaint with the Commission against Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("the Company"). Based on the amount in dispute alleged by Complainants, the Commission gave notice on July 12 that the matter would proceed under the Commission's Small Formal Complaint Case procedure.<sup>2</sup>

On August 12, the Company filed its *Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Motion to Dismiss*. On August 16, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its *Staff Report*. Having received Complainant's complaint, the Company's answer, and Staff's investigative report, this matter is ready to proceed. The Commission will set a prehearing conference to discuss procedural and substantive matters, including the Company's pending motion to dismiss. The prehearing conference will be conducted via WebEx video and teleconference for the convenience of the parties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15).

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(G) states that after affording the parties reasonable opportunity for discovery and a fair hearing, the regulatory law judge in a small formal complaint case shall issue a recommended report and order within 100 days following the filing of the complaint. However, the time period may be extended upon a finding of good cause by the regulatory law judge. The 100-day period in this case expires on October 10.

Given that an evidentiary hearing cannot be scheduled and concluded by October 10, good cause exists to extend the time period allowed to resolve this matter. Therefore, the time period under the Commission rule to issue a recommended report and order will be extended.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall appear by video or phone at a prehearing conference to be held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 25, 2024</u>, at <u>2:00 p.m.</u> Failure to appear at the conference without being excused may result in dismissal of the complaint in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(5).

To participate in the prehearing conference <u>by phone</u>, at the time of the conference, call 1-312-535-8110, follow the prompts, and enter meeting number **2630 948 8479**, followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter **0007**.

To participate in the prehearing conference <u>via video</u>, go to the WebEx website (<u>www.webex.com</u>) or download the application to join the meeting using meeting number **2630 948 8479** and password **0007**.

- 2. If you need additional accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.
- 3. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(G), the time for the regulatory law judge in this matter to issue a recommended report and order is extended for good cause.

4. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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### 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION September 6, 2024

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Dipper Secretary

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