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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

William Gregoric,)	
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	File No. EC-2025-0143
)	
Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy))	
Missouri Metro,)	
Respondent.)	

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
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RILEY FEWELL, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: At this time for a
2 prehearing conference in the case captioned as William
3 Gregoric, the complainant, versus Evergy Missouri --
4 Evergy Metro, Incorporated, doing business as Evergy
5 Missouri Metro, respondent, as file number
6 EC-2025-0143.

7 My name is Riley Fewell, and I'm the
8 regulatory law judge in this matter. If a hearing is
9 held regarding this complaint, I will conduct that
10 hearing. However, it is the commissioners, the five
11 commissioners, who will decide whether Evergy Missouri
12 Metro has violated any statutes, commission rules or
13 tariffs.

14 We can begin with the parties making their
15 entries of appearance. There's not a court reporter
16 with us this afternoon, but the conference will be
17 recorded to be later transcribed.

18 Mr. Gregoric, if you can -- you said that
19 you are here?

20 WILLIAM GREGORIC: Yes, sir.

21 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. And for Evergy
22 Missouri Metro.

23 MR. BAILEY: Yes. Thank you, Your Honor.
24 Cole Bailey and Roger Steiner on behalf of Evergy
25 Metro, Inc. Phone number is (816) 652-1066. Address

1 is 1200 Main Street, KC, MO 64105.

2 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And for the
3 commission staff.

4 MS. KLAUS: Good afternoon, Judge.
5 Alexander Klaus on behalf of staff. Office is 200
6 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. Phone
7 number is (573) 751-9533.

8 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Thank you. And
9 Mr. Gregoric, we are past the pleading stage in your
10 case, and staff has filed the report. So we'll need
11 to schedule an evidentiary hearing assuming that this
12 case cannot be settled in the meantime. I wanted to
13 make sure that you understand the hearing will be a
14 formal hearing, somewhat like a trial, and each party
15 will present evidence whether it be witness testimony,
16 documents or otherwise. There will also be cross
17 examination and that can include questions from me as
18 well as the commissioners, and that's one of the
19 reasons I wanted to have this conference is to make
20 sure that you understand all of that; does that make
21 sense?

22 WILLIAM GREGORIC: I do.

23 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay.

24 WILLIAM GREGORIC: I do. It does make
25 sense.

1 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: All right. Thank you.
2 Counsel, how much time would you need to get a
3 procedural schedule on file?

4 MS. KLAUS: Working with the parties, 10 to
5 14 days probably as a good lead time, just to make
6 sure that we can all communicate on -- on potential
7 days.

8 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Sure. And Mr. Gregoric,
9 what that means is, that you guys will kind of work
10 together to come up with a time for the evidentiary
11 hearing to be scheduled. It won't be scheduled
12 immediately. There will be, you know, at least a few
13 weeks, depending on everyone's schedules and the
14 Commission's time as well to make sure that they're
15 available to hear your complaint. And as well
16 figuring out where that complaint is going to be held.
17 It could be here at Jefferson City or it could be held
18 remotely, if you'd like that as well. That's up to
19 all of you to get together and agree on.

20 Another thing I wanted to emphasize is the
21 burden of proof is yours, Mr. Gregoric, so. It'll be
22 up to you at the hearing to present enough evidence to
23 convince the five commissioners that Evergy has
24 violated a statute or a commission rule, however, some
25 provision of their tariff, and those are the rules

1 that they have to follow when dealing with customers.
2 So I want to make sure it's not just a matter of
3 saying, here's my complaint, and you know, maybe
4 talking about it a little bit, but actually providing
5 evidence at that hearing. And I also wanted to
6 address that the Commission does not have the
7 authority to grant monetary damages in the amount of
8 actual money. The most that the Commission would be
9 able to do is order a -- a billing credit if that was
10 directly caused and quantitative. The Commission can
11 still hear and rule on the issues in your complaint to
12 the extent that they would be a violation, but only to
13 that extent.

14 Is there anything else that needs to be
15 brought forward today? Hearing none, I will let you
16 guys -- sorry, go ahead.

17 MS. KLAUS: Pardon me, Judge. Are you
18 looking to schedule in March or April or is there any
19 conflict with your calendar that we can work around?

20 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: I would imagine probably
21 April, just based on the Commission's availability
22 even. The 14th looks like the only day in March
23 that's available, but it looks like there's a lot of
24 time in -- in April, if you guys want to look for days
25 there.

1 MS. KLAUS: Can do. Thank you, Judge.

2 Nothing further from me.

3 LAW JUDGE FEWELL: Okay. Well, I will let
4 you guys work on that. Thank you all for being here
5 and stay safe and stay warm.

6 MS. KLAUS: Likewise. Thank you.

7 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 WILLIAM GREGORIC: Thank you, Judge.

9 (Audio ended.)

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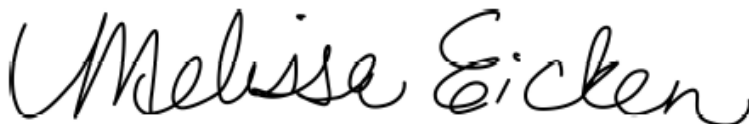
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