BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Approval of New and Modified Tariffs for) Service to Large Load Customers

File No. EO-2025-0154

DATA CENTER COALITION'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW, the Data Center Coalition ("DCC") and pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") February 26, 2025 Order and Notice,¹ respectfully submits this Response to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's (collectively, "Evergy") proposed procedural schedule. For its Response, DCC states as follows:

1. On February 14, 2025, Evergy submitted its Application for Approval of Evergy's

Large Load Power Service ("LLPS") Rate Plan and Associated Tariffs ("Application").² As part of its Application, Evergy proposed the following procedural schedule:³

Filing	Date
Application and Testimony	February 14, 2025
Staff Recommendation/Rebuttal and Intervenor Testimony	April 14, 2025
Surrebuttal	May 14, 2025
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order of Openings, Witness	May 21, 2025
Testimony and Cross Examination	
Last Day to Request Discovery	May 21, 2025
Position Statements	June 2, 2025
Settlement Conference	June 5-6, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	June 9-11, 2025
Briefing	July 1, 2025
Requested Order Date	August 1, 2025

¹ Missouri Public Service Commission ("Missouri PSC") Docket No. EO-2025-0154, Order and Notice (Feb. 26, 2025).

² Missouri PSC Docket No. EO-2025-0154, Application (Feb. 14, 2025).

³ *Id.* at 7.

2. On February 26, 2025, the Commission issued its Order and Notice, which set the deadline to respond to Evergy's proposed procedural schedule as March 12, 2025.⁴

3. DCC proposes an alternative procedural schedule to allow greater opportunity for party discussions and record development on the front end, while balancing Evergy's desire for an expeditious resolution. As DCC has also sought intervention in Evergy's parallel proceeding before the Kansas Corporation Commission,⁵ DCC intends to propose similar procedural schedules in both proceedings that align the trajectory of the two proceedings while maintaining staggered filing deadlines. DCC's proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

Filing	Evergy Proposal	DCC Proposal
Application and Testimony	February 14, 2024	February 14, 2025
Staff Recommendation/Rebuttal and	April 14, 2025	May 23, 2025
Intervenor Testimony		
Surrebuttal	May 14, 2025	June 30, 2025
List of Issues and Witnesses, Order	May 21, 2025	July 9, 2025
of Openings, Witness Testimony and		
Cross Examination		
Last Day to Request Discovery	May 21, 2025	July 9, 2025
Position Statements	June 2, 2025	July 14, 2025
Settlement Conference	June 5-6, 2025	Week of July 14, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	June 9-11, 2025	Week of August 18,
		2025*
Briefing	July 1, 2025	Week of September 1,
		2025
Requested Order Date	August 1, 2025	October 1, 2025

* Note that DCC proposes the week of August 18th for evidentiary hearings in an attempt to avoid several conflicts on the Commission's calendar in late July and early August.

4. Regardless of the procedural schedule the Commission ultimately adopts, DCC

respectfully requests the Commission direct that responses to data requests be provided within 10

⁴ Order and Notice at 2.

⁵ Kansas Corporation Commission Docket No. 25-EKME-315-TAR.

days after receipt. This is necessary to ensure that parties have adequate time to meaningfully utilize the discovery process and thoroughly develop the record in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, DCC respectfully requests that the Commission adopt its proposed procedural schedule and grant any other relief it determines to be reasonable and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all counsel of record by email, this March 12th, 2025.

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