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STATE OF MISSOURI

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LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

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d/b/a Evergy Missouri West and )  
Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy ) File No. EA-2025-  
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and Approval of a Certificate )  
of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity for Natural Gas )  
Electrical Production Facilities )

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(WHEREUPON, the above-captioned matter was heard via WebEx as follows:)

JUDGE HATCHER: Today is April 1st, 2025, and the current time is 12:48 p.m. The question and answer portion, which everyone just participated in, is concluded. If you did attend that, I do hope that you were able to get your questions answered. And we will now start on the comment portion of the hearing.

The Missouri Public Service Commission has set this time for a local public hearing, giving members of the public a chance to comment about Evergy's application for certificates of convenience and necessity for three natural gas electrical production facilities. This is File Number EA-2025-0075.

My name is Charles Hatcher, and I am the regulatory law judge that will oversee this hearing. The Commission regulates the rates charged by public utility companies in Missouri to ensure that those rates are just and reasonable. The Commission also regulates the quality of service and safety of the

1 operations of public utilities. The Commission is  
2 made up of five commissioners.

3 The Commission's Chair is Kayla Hahn,  
4 and the commissioners are Maida Coleman, Glen  
5 Kolkmeier, and John Mitchell. There is one vacancy  
6 at the moment. The commissioners are appointed by  
7 the governor and are confirmed by the Senate.

8 The Commission employs a staff of  
9 engineers, accountants, attorneys, financial  
10 analysts, and other specialists in the field of  
11 utility regulation.

12 With me today are Chair Kayla Hahn and  
13 Commissioner Maida Coleman. Commissioner John  
14 Mitchell will be expected to be joining us later.

15 Do the Commissioners have any opening  
16 remarks that they would like to make?

17 CHAIR KAYLA HAHN: Yes, thank you,  
18 Judge Hatcher. This is Chair Hahn.

19 Just want to say on behalf of myself,  
20 Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Mitchell, and  
21 Commissioner Kolkmeier, we really appreciate folks  
22 taking time out of their day to give us feedback and  
23 public comment on these proposed certificates. So  
24 we will listen intently, and we'll look forward to  
25 hearing what the public has to say. Thank you,

1 Judge.

2 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Chair Hahn.  
3 And at this time, I'd like to ask the parties who  
4 are in attendance to go ahead and enter their  
5 appearance for the record. I will start with the  
6 company for Evergy, please. A quick reminder. If  
7 you've called in on the phone, it is star six to  
8 unmute yourself. Go ahead.

9 MR. STEINER: Judge, this is  
10 Roger Steiner appearing for myself, and Cole Bailey.  
11 Our address is 1200 Main Street, Kansas City,  
12 Missouri 64105. Thank you.

13 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Steiner.  
14 And for the Commission staff.

15 MS. HANSEN: Hi. This is Andrea Hansen.  
16 I'm entering my appearance, or the appearance of  
17 myself and Lexi Klaus who is also attending this  
18 virtual hearing. We've provided the spelling of our  
19 names and also our work address to the stenographer.

20 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, ladies. And  
21 for the Office of the Public Counsel.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Chief  
23 Deputy Public Counsel, appearing on behalf of the  
24 Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230,  
25 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

1 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Williams.  
2 And we do have a number of intervenors in this case.  
3 I don't know if they will be in attendance today,  
4 but I'd like to offer them the opportunity to enter  
5 their appearance.

6 Are there any intervening parties who  
7 are here who would like to have their appearance  
8 entered? Okay. Hearing none.

9 This is a fairly well-attended hearing,  
10 which is great as the Commission does want to hear  
11 input from the public, but I am almost mindful that  
12 I would like to give everyone the opportunity to  
13 speak, so I will be limiting comments to three  
14 minutes per person.

15 Also I'd like to note that if someone  
16 has said the same comments that you were going to  
17 make, please let us know that you echo those earlier  
18 remarks. There's no need to expound on something  
19 that's already been said, but we do want to know  
20 what are people's experiences or concerns with.

21 I am going to ask that everyone please  
22 be polite and courteous and respect people's  
23 opinions and give them the same courtesy that I  
24 would hope they would give to you.

25 Now, many of you did sign up in advance

1 and I'm going to call those names first. For anyone  
2 who did not sign up to testify in advance, after I  
3 call the list of witnesses, I will call for any  
4 other witnesses and that will be your time to  
5 testify.

6 When I do call your name, please unmute  
7 yourself and tell me that you're here and I will  
8 place you under oath. I will then ask you to state  
9 and spell your name for the court reporter and then  
10 you can give your comments to the commissioners.

11 After you are finished giving your  
12 comments, I'm going to ask for you to stay available  
13 for just a second at the microphone or, actually, on  
14 your phone, until I excuse you. Either myself, one  
15 of the parties, or the commissioners may have  
16 questions for you.

17 I'll take a brief pause after each  
18 witness testifies to see if anyone has a question,  
19 but I'm not going to ask after each witness. And I  
20 do want to make sure it's clear, the commissioners  
21 and myself will not be able to answer your questions  
22 today. And that's because the commissioners have to  
23 remain impartial until after the evidence is  
24 presented at the evidentiary hearing and that's  
25 exactly why we couldn't be here during the

1 question-and-answer portion, that we might hear  
2 factual information that we don't have a right to  
3 hear yet.

4 If you have a question and you did not  
5 get all of your questions answered during that  
6 question-and-answer period, I would encourage you to  
7 speak with representatives of the company, the  
8 Commission staff, or the Office of the Public  
9 Counsel.

10 So with those announcements in mind, I  
11 am going to go ahead and start calling names off of  
12 my preregistered list. I will do my best to read  
13 and pronounce the names correctly. If I do  
14 mispronounce your name, please let me know as I  
15 don't mean to.

16 The first name I have on my list is Josh  
17 Moutray.

18 MR. MOUTRAY: Yes. I am here.

19 JUDGE HATCHER: Yes. Thank you,  
20 Mr. Moutray. I'm going to swear you in. Do you  
21 solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are  
22 about to give will be the truth?

23 MR. MOUTRAY: I do.

24 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you. And if you  
25 could please state and spell your name for our court



1 reporter.

2 MR. MOUTRAY: Josh Moutray. J-o-s-h.  
3 Last name is Moutray, M-o-u-t-, as in Tom, r-a-y.

4 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Moutray.  
5 And please go ahead and tell the commissioners your  
6 comments.

7 MR. MOUTRAY: Well, I live directly  
8 across the street from the proposed gas site at  
9 Mullen Creek Number One. About 2007, my wife and I  
10 began looking for a place to build our home for our  
11 growing family. We had a specific school district  
12 in mind and this location was perfect. We were told  
13 it was never going to be for sale. However, one day  
14 our dreams came true and we received a phone call  
15 that the property was now for sale. We bought it  
16 that night.

17 From that point on, our family began to  
18 save, staying home on the weekends, putting away  
19 money every chance we could get. We sold our car so  
20 we could access the equity so one day we could build  
21 a house on the property.

22 2010 our time had come. We had a  
23 newborn, a two-year-old, money in our pocket, and a  
24 builder available to make our dreams come true.  
25 2011 we moved in just in time to celebrate my

1 daughter's first birthday and a few months later my  
2 son's fourth. With a set of grandparents just down  
3 the road and their cousins close by, we had found  
4 the perfect spot to build our forever home.

5 The past 14 years, we have poured every  
6 ounce of spare energy into our property, making it  
7 beautiful. We had visions of a barn in the  
8 southeast corner to host family gatherings,  
9 landscaping projects planned, additions to the house  
10 planned, and specific trees picked out to go into  
11 specific spots. The construction of a home never  
12 ends.

13 We are also embedded in our community.  
14 Since 2020, I have been the chairman of the Barnard  
15 Christian Church Board. I have chaired the Greater  
16 Southern Nodaway County Community Foundation, which  
17 is a community betterment for over ten years. I  
18 chaired two school bond committees for the South  
19 Nodaway School District. My wife has taught at the  
20 South Nodaway School for 20 years. Again, this is  
21 our home.

22 On Tuesday evening, the Maryville Forum  
23 posted an article regarding Evergy's plan to put a  
24 natural gas plant directly across the road from my  
25 house. My phone began to ring with concerned

1 friends from all over the area. With one article,  
2 our life had changed, our stomachs turned, our minds  
3 began to race, and our sleep has been lost. Our  
4 family had a real problem.

5 From there, we began to research the  
6 health risks of living near a natural gas plant and  
7 despite it being termed a clean energy source it is  
8 not. It may be cleaner but by no means is it clean.  
9 From methane exposure, carbon dioxide, oxide to  
10 nitrogen in the air, to the mercury in the water we  
11 are in direct danger.

12 This plant will be directly to our west.  
13 All of our weather from rain and snow, which is the  
14 constant wind that blows, will be directly exposed  
15 to our house 24/7. Whether we are outside with our  
16 kids and future grandkids or relaxing on the porch  
17 or even sitting inside our home with heat or the A/C  
18 blowing, our air will be filled with this invisible  
19 killer.

20 In conclusion, Everygy is changing the  
21 course of our family's future. We now must choose  
22 between staying in our home and risking early  
23 mortality, COPD, birth defects of our future  
24 grandkids, numerous other health problems, or just  
25 packing up our family's home and starting over

1 somewhere else.

2 You have us in an impossible spot,  
3 Everyg. This isn't just a gas plant on rural  
4 farmland community. It's upending lives and a cause  
5 for distress. I do appreciate your time this  
6 afternoon and your consideration. The Moutray  
7 Family.

8 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Moutray,  
9 for being here and telling us your story. I  
10 appreciate that.

11 MR. MOUTRAY: Yes.

12 JUDGE HATCHER: Okay. Hearing no  
13 questions, I will move to the next name I have in my  
14 list, which is Preston Smith. And if you are on a  
15 phone, the method to unmute yourself is pressing  
16 star six. Is Preston Smith available? Okay. I see  
17 a name on the Webex for Preston Smith but they may  
18 have stepped away.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. He had to  
20 step away for a minute. Would you be able to come  
21 back to him in just a little while?

22 JUDGE HATCHER: Absolutely. We will  
23 just come right back in just a second.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

25 JUDGE HATCHER: Absolutely. The next

1 name I have on my list is Diana Kline (phonetic.)

2 Is Diana Kline available? Okay. And I'll circle  
3 back around to that name as well.

4 The next name I have is Nicky Caravayo  
5 (phonetic.) Nicky Caravayo. If you're on a phone,  
6 you press star six to unmute yourself. All right.  
7 We will recall Nicky Caravayo later. Roy Werner.  
8 Is there a Roy Werner? All right.

9 The next name I have is Eskia Howell  
10 (phonetic.) Eskia Howell.

11 And all of these names that I'm calling  
12 that I don't have an answer, I will recall again at  
13 the end. Alice Norris. Alice Norris. All right.

14 And a person who has their hand raised,  
15 Sherri Stechmann.

16 MS. STECHMANN: Sherri Stechmann.  
17 S-h-e-r-r-i, Stechmann, S-t-e-c-h-m-a-n-n. Did you  
18 want my address?

19 JUDGE HATCHER: No. No, thank you. If  
20 you can tell me what county you are in, though.

21 MS. STECHMANN: Clay County.

22 JUDGE HATCHER: All right.

23 Ms. Stechmann, I'd like to go ahead and swear you in  
24 before you begin your testimony to the  
25 commissioners. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that

1 the testimony you are about to give will be the  
2 truth?

3 MS. STECHMANN: Absolutely.

4 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, ma'am.

5 Please go ahead and tell us your comments.

6 MS. STECHMANN: Well, first of all, I do  
7 not believe that Evergy is being transparent. No  
8 one addressed my question as to what I get in return  
9 for funding their power plant that they can't pay  
10 for on their own because they are not financially  
11 viable to do so. This is discriminatory to people  
12 who live in bigger houses and does not affect people  
13 the same who live in smaller houses. Evergy's space  
14 is based on my consumption but, again, I shouldn't  
15 be penalized for living in a bigger home. Are rates  
16 going to increase to pay for other people's business  
17 upgrades or residential upgrades?

18 In my lifetime -- and I'm 55 and proud  
19 of it -- no one has ever paid for my business  
20 upgrades in anything. Sounds like socialism, and we  
21 live in America, Home of the Brave, Land of the  
22 Free. As long as (inaudible) energy is still  
23 Evergy's principles.

24 Mr. Moutray, I have so much compassion  
25 for what's happening to him. I think that it's an

1 atrocity. We, you know -- Mr. Humphrey, Jason  
2 Humphrey, was talking about portfolios. It's a  
3 great analogy, but as an investor I would never  
4 invest in something which he was trying to use that  
5 with solar power. If I knew that it's completely,  
6 one hundred percent failed Texas during the  
7 geo-engineering cold weather in which they are  
8 now -- Texas is now trying to pass legislation to  
9 stop chem-trails. Every -- people should watch the  
10 movie The Jimmy (phonetic.) It's a great movie with  
11 Air Force generals admitting that they're spraying  
12 our skies to change the weather. US patents, no  
13 less.

14 But it's -- I -- it really is  
15 frustrating that Every sends me emails on how good  
16 I am if I use less energy, when the earth produces  
17 unlimited oil. It's not from dinosaurs. John D.  
18 Rockefeller made up that story to create scarcity.

19 So I'm wide awake. I know about the  
20 Great Reset, and I'm ready for it. I don't agree  
21 with Every having people pay for their businesses  
22 that, as on their website, they're going to own it.  
23 I'm not going to own it. I'm not getting any  
24 dividend from it. I'm not getting any kind of, you  
25 know, 40-year discount, because I plan on living a

1 long time. Nothing was offered to me in that  
2 regard, and I don't agree with it, and I think that  
3 it's wrong, and I don't think anyone should be  
4 pushing for people to pay for this plant. And I  
5 don't agree that it should be in that area at all.  
6 I have been up there, and those people deserve  
7 better than that. Thank you.

8 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you,  
9 Ms. Stechmann. I appreciate your comments. All  
10 right. Hearing no question. We'll moved to Camelia  
11 Cochran (phonetic.) Is Camelia Cochran available?  
12 Okay. Hearing none, that is the end of my list of  
13 pre-registered witnesses.

14 So what I'd like to do now is I'll open  
15 it up to the floor for anyone who did not register  
16 but who would like to provide comments to the  
17 commissioners. And then I will go back through and  
18 read the names of the registered witnesses who had  
19 not had an opportunity yet to speak.

20 So is there anyone in attendance who  
21 would like to go ahead and testify who did not sign  
22 up in advance? Just go ahead and speak up and we'll  
23 get your name and go from there.

24 MS. ARPS: Yes. I have testimony,  
25 please.



1 JUDGE HATCHER: Yes. Go ahead and give  
2 me your name.

3 MS. ARPS: Yes. I'm Michelle,  
4 M-i-c-h-e-l-l-e. Last name is Arps, A-, as in  
5 apple, r-, as in Richard, p-, as in Paul, s, as in  
6 Sam.

7 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Ms. Arps.  
8 And let me go ahead and swear you in. Do you  
9 solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're  
10 about to give will be the truth?

11 MS. ARPS: Yes, I do.

12 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you. Please go  
13 ahead and proceed with your comments.

14 MS. ARPS: Yes. I had asked the  
15 question earlier and the answer that I got I'm not  
16 sure that I understand exactly.

17 But I was asking about the peaking plant  
18 that we're now getting from the Pickering Plant out  
19 of state, if that was going to be going away. And I  
20 understand that it's not going away.

21 And then I also asked the question about  
22 natural gas. I understand that they're going to be  
23 getting those from high-pressure lines. However, I  
24 believe that distribution works similar probably to  
25 Everygy's distribution and the fact that it does come

1 from a high pressure to plants where it's made  
2 available for residential customers. But my biggest  
3 concern there is are we going to be forced to pay as  
4 we did in the Youree as another line item of 15  
5 years. And I was told that because of the larger  
6 natural gas lines, that that will probably not  
7 happen because there's also diesel backup.

8 And then the next thing I have, we still  
9 don't have any meter numbers available to us as  
10 customers. No begin bill read and no end bill read  
11 as with Spire and as with our water company for the  
12 time period of use.

13 Also in my recent bill, there was an  
14 offer to buy solar from Hawthorne Solar Plant. And  
15 it was my understanding from the previous Commission  
16 hearing last July that we're not able to get any  
17 kind of backup power from Hawthorne or other another  
18 facility within the system to feed the Evergy Metro  
19 West.

20 So I'm just wondering how the solar is  
21 going to be able to go down those same lines since  
22 we don't have the coal available? And also, I feel  
23 terrible for this family out there. I understand  
24 because I have -- I have been building my home here  
25 since 2001, trying to make it all electric.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right after you  
2 left. He said it --

3 MS. ARPS: I'm sorry?

4 JUDGE HATCHER: We just had some  
5 crossover. That line has been muted. I'm sorry for  
6 the interruption. Go ahead.

7 MS. ARPS: Oh, well, thank you. So,  
8 again, I don't know -- I echo the gentleman who set  
9 up his family in a specific place. I did the same  
10 thing. And, you know, electricity was told to be  
11 the cheaper, more viable source. But that doesn't  
12 seem to be the case at this time.

13 I would like to know that residential  
14 should be cheaper than commercial since we're not  
15 making a profit, just trying to be retired in a home  
16 and maintain heating and cooling here. That's all I  
17 have. Thank you.

18 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Ms. Arps.  
19 You mentioned your bills were having some issues.  
20 You were concerned about not having beginning or  
21 ending readings. I wanted to pass along the Evergy  
22 customer service number. They might be able to  
23 assist you with that. That number is (888)471-5275.  
24 Again, that's (888)471-5275. Thank you.

25 MS. ARPS: Thank you. And if it were on

1 the bill, that would be great. Just as the other  
2 utilities are required to -- at least I assume  
3 they're still required to give you the beginning  
4 read and the end read so you could look at your  
5 meter and look at your meter number and make sure  
6 indeed that's you.

7 And as I stated in the open forum, the  
8 readings are spotty at best. I don't know if your  
9 cell readers are malfunctioning. But when we get  
10 into the time of use, that's going to be a huge  
11 concern because we're trying to do the right thing  
12 and not use the majority of our power during peak  
13 time.

14 So anyways, that's all I have. Thank  
15 you so much.

16 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you again,  
17 Ms. Arps. I appreciate you being here and letting us  
18 know your input.

19 Are there any other persons who would  
20 like to testify who did not sign up in advance?  
21 Press star six to unmute if you called in on a  
22 telephone. Okay. I'm going to go back and read the  
23 names that I have. Preston Smith. Is Preston Smith  
24 available?

25 MR. SMITH: Yes. I'm here now.

1 JUDGE HATCHER: Excellent. Thank you,  
2 Mr. Smith. I'd like to go ahead and swear you in,  
3 and I'll ask you to state and spell your name for  
4 the court reporter. Do you solemnly swear or affirm  
5 that the testimony you are about to give will be the  
6 truth?

7 MR. SMITH: Yes, I do. And my name is  
8 Preston Smith from Blue Springs. My name is  
9 P-r-e-s-t-o-n, Smith, S-m-i-t-h.

10 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Smith.  
11 Go ahead with your comments.

12 MR. SMITH: Good. I wanted to let you  
13 know that I attended the last round of public  
14 hearings that Evergy had regarding the rate increase  
15 proposed that they had last year. At the time I  
16 stressed the need to get away from the Green New  
17 Deal and what the idea to say what's more reliable  
18 fossil fuel sources. And today I'm here to urge the  
19 very same approach. I had some of my questions  
20 answered before but then the others that were not  
21 answered.

22 First of all, I understand these three  
23 natural gas plants are supposed to be hydrogen  
24 capable. I'm wondering, does this add to the cost?  
25 Is it necessary to include this ability to

1 transition to hydrogen, especially given since  
2 natural gas is so plentiful? Okay.

3 These natural gas plants are supposed to  
4 produce 2,500 megawatts. I'm wondering, is it still  
5 necessary to retire the Evergy 4,500 megawatt  
6 coal-fired plant? It seems to me like if we keep  
7 the coal-fired plant running, or even expand it,  
8 that we would not even -- we may not even need to  
9 talk about the natural gas plants. Okay.

10 I know as also part of this proposal  
11 Evergy wants to have two solar facilities for a  
12 total 165 megawatts. Again, is it necessary to  
13 build these solar facilities when you've got a  
14 perfectly good coal plant that is doing just great?

15 If you'll look at their website, they  
16 have a very long-term goal to produce the net zero  
17 carbon emissions by 2045. I asked in the Q&A, I  
18 said, is this necessary a goal? Why is this so  
19 important? And they said it seemed to be an  
20 indication that they want to keep this mix of energy  
21 sources and spread the risk around from different  
22 source to another. And I agree. That's probably  
23 reasonable.

24 But it's probably also reasonable to  
25 think that if you're thinking that we're going to

1 get energy cheap and plentiful in the future, based  
2 on 17 percent of the Evergy production from solar  
3 and 30 percent from wind, I think that's  
4 unreasonable.

5 Right now they're wanting to take the coal  
6 plant from 52 percent down to 7 percent of the  
7 source of energy, and I don't agree with that  
8 either. And, furthermore, they haven't even  
9 mentioned whether or not they had to continue to buy  
10 out-of-state power from Mississippi or any other  
11 state for the foreseeable future even if we put  
12 these plants online.

13 I'm concerned that they are not meeting  
14 their energy needs already because of their desire  
15 to go green, and then why are we having to buy power  
16 from out of state?

17 I believe the United States has abundant  
18 reserves for coal and natural gas. Fossil fuel has  
19 always been a very reliable and predictable source  
20 of energy. For us to go green and emphasize wind  
21 and solar, as Evergy has, I think that's a wrong  
22 case of direction. And I don't appreciate having to  
23 pay a higher electric bill than I have to just to  
24 think I'm doing something for the climate change  
25 that's a totally unproven theory.

1 I don't want to see my electric bills  
2 explode in the next few years because Evergy had the  
3 desire to go green. I do not want to subsidize some  
4 green experiment just for political expediency.

5 I call on the leadership of Evergy to  
6 take a hard right turn and support customers and  
7 lower energy costs rather than some political idea  
8 about climate change. Enough is enough. Thank you.

9 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Mr. Smith. I  
10 appreciate your comments. All right. Hearing no  
11 questions, we'll move on to the next name I have.  
12 Diana Kline (phonetic.) Diana Kline. Again, it is  
13 star six if you called in on a phone to join our  
14 meeting.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On the app or the  
16 computer, there's just a mute and unmute button.

17 JUDGE HATCHER: The next name I have a  
18 Nicky Caravayo. Hearing none. Roy Werner. Roy  
19 Werner. No response. Let's try Eския Howell.  
20 Eския Howell. And, again, it's star six if you're  
21 on your phone to unmute. Hearing none. Let's move  
22 to Alice Norris. And hearing none. Let's move to  
23 Camelia Cochran. Camelia Cochran. Okay.

24 I will ask those in the audience one  
25 last time and then that will take us to the end of



1 this hearing.

2 Are there any members of the audience  
3 who have not had a chance to testify yet that would  
4 like to? Please just go ahead and speak up. You  
5 unmute yourself if you're on the phone by pressing  
6 star six. Hearing none. One last opportunity.  
7 Then we'll be ending the hearing. Okay. Hearing  
8 none.

9 I would like to thank all of our  
10 participants for their testimony today. We've had a  
11 very good turnout. I understand that there was some  
12 good information provided and asked for in the  
13 question-and-answer portion. I'd like to see if our  
14 commissioners have any closing remarks.

15 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Yes, Judge.  
16 This is Commissioner Kolkmeier.

17 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Commissioner.  
18 Go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLKMEYER: Yes. I want to  
20 thank everyone that participated today and gave us  
21 their testimony. We really appreciate it. We  
22 really listen to those out there in the public and  
23 the rate payers. So thanks again. And thank you,  
24 Judge.

25 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you, Commissioner.

1 And I would note for the record Commissioner  
2 Kolkmeier has joined us for the hearing. As the  
3 Commissioner said, I do want to thank everyone for  
4 coming out today. We try and schedule these  
5 hearings to be at the lunch hour so we don't have to  
6 miss too much work. If that's a time that works  
7 best for you.

8 If you do know someone who could not be  
9 present and would still like to make comments on  
10 this case, you can go to the PSC website. That's  
11 PSC.MO.gov. And go to the link marked submit  
12 comments. It's in the upper right-hand of the page.  
13 Just make sure to include the case number. And,  
14 again, this Case Number is EA-2025-0075. If you  
15 have any questions for the Office of the Public  
16 Counsel, you can email those to MOPCO@OPC.MO.gov.  
17 I'll repeat that one more time. MOPCO@OPC.MO.gov.

18 And I thought I saw a commissioner go to  
19 speak. Did we have any commissioners who wanted to  
20 make any statements? Okay. Sorry. My mistake.  
21 Okay.

22 Thank you all. And we are adjourned.  
23 We are also off the record.

24 (WHEREUPON, the foregoing proceedings  
25 were concluded at 1:21 p.m.)

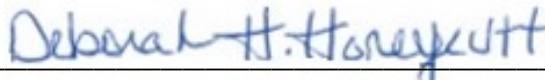
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