

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of White)
River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.)
For Approval of Designated Service) **File No. EO-2025-0228**
Boundaries Within Portions of Christian)
County, Missouri.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: April 18, 2025

Effective Date: April 18, 2025

White River Valley Cooperative, Inc.(White River) filed an application on February 19, 2025, pursuant to Section 386.800.3, RSMo, and 20 CSR 4240-20.045, for an order approving designated service boundaries. On February 27, 2025, Staff was ordered to file a recommendation by March 28, 2025. On March 26, 2025, Staff filed a Status Report saying they would not file a recommendation until April 21, 2025. On March 27, 2025, all parties were ordered to file a Procedural Schedule by April 3, 2025.

On April 3, 2025, Staff filed a pleading titled “Motion for Extension” and requested additional time to file a Procedural Schedule. Staff stated no other party objected to the extension and stated they would file a Procedural Schedule by April 8, 2025. On April 8, 2025, Staff Counsel filled a Second Motion for Extension. On April 9, 2024, an order was issued by the Commission to hold a Pre-Hearing Conference on April 10, 2025. On April 10, 2025, a Pre-Hearing Conference was held with counsel for Empire, Staff, and White River participating. After discussion and by agreement, all parties were ordered to submit a Procedural Schedule to the Commission no later than Monday, April 14, 2025. On April 14, 2025, Staff filed a Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.

The Commission will order the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule be adopted as set out below.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule filed by Staff will be adopted as follows:

Direct Testimony (White River)	April 23, 2025
Staff Report	May 5, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)	May 14, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony (Optional)	May 28, 2025
Settlement Conference (Virtual or Jefferson City) (All Parties)	June 4, 2025
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening Statements, List of Exhibits	June 10, 2025
Statements of Position	June 17, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	July 7, 2025
Initial Briefs	Due 5 days from Filed Transcripts
Reply Briefs	Due 5 days after Initial Brief

2. The evidentiary hearing is set for July 7, 2025, starting at 9:00 a.m. 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. If you need an accommodation to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. The following discovery procedures are adopted as agreed to by the parties:
 - a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record 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 exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
 - b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
 - c. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. 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. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail 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 any restrictions on confidentiality. 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.
 - d. Upon the filing of this procedural schedule with the Commission, the response time for all data requests shall be 10 calendar days, and 5 calendar days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Staff's Report (May 5, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 business days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Staff's Report is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).

e. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.

f. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

g. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

h. The Commission will request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be received by the Commission no later than one week after hearing.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Karolin S. Walker, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

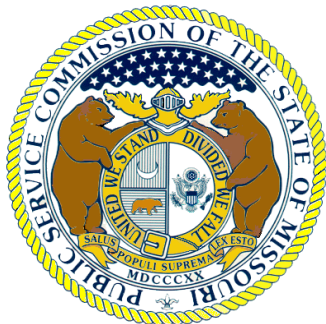
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of April, 2025.

STATE OF MISSOURI

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 18th day of April 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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