

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

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a	)	
Evergy Missouri West for	)	
Permission and Approval of	)	Case No. EA-2024-0292
Certificates of Convenience and	)	
Necessity Authorizing It to	)	
Construct, Install, Own Operate,	)	
Manage, Maintain and Control Two	)	
Solar Generation Facilities.	)	

**The Office of the Public Counsel’s Response to Staff’s  
Recommendation**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) and for its Response to Staff’s Recommendation, states:

1. On October 25, 2025, Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy West”, “EMW”, or “Company”) filed its *Application of Evergy Missouri West for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity* (“Application”). The Application requested that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) authorize EMW to construct, install, own, operate, manage, maintain, and control two (2) solar generation facilities.
2. On April 4, 2025, Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”) filed its *Staff Recommendation* (“Recommendation”).
3. On April 11, 2025, the OPC filed a motion requesting a short extension to respond to the Recommendation. That same day, Evergy West provided its response to the Recommendation.

4. On April 14, 2025, the Commission filed an order that both directed the parties to file a joint proposed procedural schedule and granted the OPC's extension request.

5. When reviewing the Application and Recommendation, the OPC found concerns regarding the high and unpredictable nature of the projects' cost.

6. The OPC plans to expand upon its stated concerns around the Company's Application and the projects themselves in future case testimony.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully files this *Response to Staff's Recommendation*.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 18th day of April 2025.

**/s/ Anna Kathryn Martin**