

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

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**

**JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, on behalf of itself; Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) and Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMW”)(collectively, “Evergy”); the Data Center Collective (“DCC”); Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC; Velvet Tech Services, LLC; Google LLC; Sierra Club; and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri (collectively, the “Parties”), and for this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* respectfully states as follows:

1. On February 14, 2025, Evergy filed an application (“Application”) with the Commission for approval of a Large Load Power Service (“LLPS”) and associated tariffs.
2. Evergy’s Application included a proposed procedural schedule that contemplated the filing of a Staff recommendation/rebuttal on April 14, 2025, and an evidentiary hearing being held, if needed, from June 9-11, 2025.
3. The Commission subsequently issued its *Order and Notice* (“Order”) on February 26, 2025. The Order directed Staff to file a response to Evergy’s proposed procedural schedule no later than March 12, 2025.

4. Staff and the DCC<sup>1</sup> were the only parties to respond to Evergy's proposed procedural schedule. Staff requested an order rejecting Evergy's proposed procedural schedule, and for the Commission to direct Staff to file a date for the filing of its recommendation/rebuttal, or a status report, no later than April 4, 2025. This would provide Staff the necessary time to review Evergy's initial Data Request ("DR") responses in order to determine when Staff can file its recommendation/rebuttal in this matter.

5. The DCC proposed a new procedural schedule that contemplated the filing of Staff's recommendation/rebuttal and intervenor testimony no later than May 23, 2025.

6. On April 4, 2025, Staff submitted its *Response to Commission Order*, requesting that the Commission issue an order setting May 27, 2025, as the date for Staff to file its rebuttal/recommendation in this matter.

7. On April 11, 2025, Google LLC filed its *Reply to Staff's Response to Commission Order*, in which Google LLC provided its proposed procedural schedule.

8. The Commission issued its *Order Setting Prehearing Conference* on April 15, 2025, ordering a Prehearing Conference for April 21, 2025. The Prehearing Conference was held and, also on April 21, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Proposed Procedural Schedule and Proposed Hearing Dates* (the "April Schedule Order").

9. The April Schedule Order requires (a) all parties to submit their Proposed Procedural Schedules no later than May 5, 2025, and (b) all parties to submit their

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<sup>1</sup> The DCC, Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC, Velvet Tech Services, LLC, Google LLC, Sierra Club, and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri were all granted approval to intervene in these proceedings via Commission order on March 20, 2025.

proposed dates for a hearing from August 28, 2025 through October 31, 2025, no later than May 6, 2025.

10. In accordance with the April Schedule Order, the Parties hereby submit this *Proposed Procedural Schedule*, to include proposed dates for a hearing from August 28 through October 31, 2025:

Event	Date
Application and Testimony	February 14
Staff Rec/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal	July 25
Surrebuttal (all parties)	September 12
List of Issues	September 18
Last day to request discovery	September 19
Position Statements	September 22
Settlement Conference	September 23
Evidentiary Hearing	Week of September 29-October 3
Initial Briefs	October 18
Reply Briefs	October 25

11. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:

- 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 approval of this procedural schedule by 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. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Staff’s Recommendation/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal 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 Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than one week after hearing.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule on behalf of the Parties and requests the Commission issue an order establishing a procedural schedule in accordance with the above proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**