

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

Show Me Ethanol,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	<u>Case No. EC-2026-0064</u>
)	
Evergy Missouri Metro Inc., d/b/a)	
Evergy Missouri Metro,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Status Report states:

1. On September 10, 2025,¹ Show Me Ethanol (“SME”) filed a complaint against Every Metro Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro.
2. On September 11, the Commission issued its orders, requiring, inter alia, Evergy Missouri Metro to file its response to the Complaint no later than October 13 and the Staff of the Commission to file a Report no later than October 27.
3. The Complaint alleges that SME is a corn dry-mill distillery located in Carrollton, Missouri, that operates 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The Complaint alleges that SME’s processes to turn corn into alcohol, grain neutral spirits, and 160,000 tons of animal feed annually require a significant amount of electricity that makes them one of Evergy Missouri Metro’s largest customers.
4. The Complaint alleges that Evergy Missouri Metro has not provided adequate and reliable electric service to Show Me Ethanol. It alleges that beginning

¹ All date references will be to 2025, unless otherwise stated.

in 2023, SME began experiencing an increasing number of electrical outages at one of its facilities. It states that when power is interrupted, there is associated downtime where the plant is unable to operate until the processes can be restarted and that this downtime associated with power outages has totaled to over 301 hours since 2023. It alleges that without satisfactory results, SME has communicated its concerns about reliability and service adequacy to Evergy representatives on numerous occasions, including at a meeting on April 14, 2025. It alleges that the increasing outages to SME exceed the average reliability metrics that Evergy is required to track and report by the Commission's regulations on Electric Utility Operational Standards at 20 CSR 4240-23.010.

5. On October 13, Evergy Missouri Metro filed an Answer, Affirmative Defenses, and Motion to Dismiss denying each and every allegation and statement in the Complaint.

6. On October 23, 2025, SME filed its Reply to Evergy's Answer and Motion to Dismiss.

7. To date, Staff has served eight Data Requests ("DRs") on Evergy Missouri Metro and six on SME. The due dates of all DRs are October 28 or October 29.

8. Due to the complexity of the issues presented in this case, Staff anticipates that follow-up and perhaps additional rounds of DRs will be required after it has received and analyzed responses to the pending DRs.

9. Staff anticipates that it will be able to file a full Report and Recommendation no later than January 30, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Report and asks that the Commission will accept it as compliant with the Commission's Order.

Respectively Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 27th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Paul T. Graham