

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro’s Request for Authority to Implement)
a General Rate Increase for Electric Service) **File No. ER-2026-0143**

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through counsel, and states that on February 6, 2026, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM” or the “Company”) filed a request for authority to implement general rate increases for electric service. On behalf of itself and EMM (collectively “Movants”),¹ Staff respectfully proposes the following Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule:

Proposed Procedural Schedule

1. Movants request that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Filing Date	February 6, 2026
Discovery Conference	April 7, 2026
Discovery Conference	May 5, 2026
Discovery Conference	June 9, 2026
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Revenue Requirement	June 30, 2026
Discovery Conference	July 7, 2026
Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Rate Design	July 14, 2026
Local Public Hearings to occur during week of	July 14-17, 2026
First Technical Conference	July 27, 2026
Evergy Provides True-Up Information	August 7, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony	August 11, 2026
Discovery Conference	September 1, 2026
Surrebuttal/True-Up Direct Testimony	September 10, 2026
Non-Utility Parties Values of Issues for Reconciliation	September 14, 2026
Reconciliation (not filed)	September 17, 2026

¹ Differences of opinion in scheduling procedures and preferences ended coordination with the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) on the development of this particular schedule. Staff is open to continued coordination in this matter. At the time of filing Staff, EMM and OPC were the only parties properly admitted to the case.

List of Issues, Etc.	September 22, 2026
Reconciliation Filed	September 22, 2026
True-up Rebuttal and Discovery Cut-off	September 23, 2026
Settlement Conference	September 23-24, 2026
Position Statements	September 25, 2026
Evidentiary Hearing	October 5-16, 2026
Filing of Expedited Transcripts	October 23, 2026
Initial Briefs	November 10, 2026
Reply/True-Up Briefs	November 23, 2026
Effective Date of Rates	January 6, 2027

Local Public Hearings

2. In discussions with the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), Staff and EMM identified fundamental differences in scheduling related to general rate case procedures and the timing of Local Public Hearings (LPHs”). OPC indicated a strong desire to have LPHs prior to the filing of Direct Testimony. Staff and EMM disagree. Staff utilizes the LPHs to provide a summary of their case to the public. Prior to the filing of all direct testimony, Staff’s case will not be complete.

3. With the local public hearings during the week of July 13-17, the Company must have the Commission approval of the bill insert no later than May 13, 2026, so that the insert can be timely inserted into customer bills in the billing cycle in advance of the local public hearings.

Test Year, True-Up, and Update Period

- 4. Movants request the following dates be ordered.
- 5. The Parties shall utilize a test year ending June 30, 2025, updated through December 31, 2025.
- 6. The true-up period shall end June 30, 2026.

Discovery Procedures

7. Movants 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. Evergy's responses to Staff data requests will be available to other parties on EFIS. In addition, Evergy's responses to all parties' data requests will be available for review on CaseWorksEX for parties who complete the requirements for accessing the CaseWorksEX system.
- d. Until the filing of Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Rate Design testimony, the response time for all data requests shall be 20 calendar days, and 10 calendar days to object or notify that more than 20 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Staff/Intervenor Direct Testimony-Rate Design testimony (July 14, 2026) and before the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 10, 2026), the response time for data requests shall be 10 business days to provide the requested information, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 business

days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Surrebuttal testimony (September 10, 2026), 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 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Surrebuttal testimony 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 Movants request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than October 23, 2026.**

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the Movants, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule in compliance with the Commission's February 9, 2026, order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of March 2026.

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