

**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 for Permission)
 and Approval of a Certificate of Convenience and) **File No. EA-2026-0154**
 Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install,)
 Own, Operate, Manage, Maintain, and Control a)
 Natural Gas Electrical Production Facility)

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through counsel, and on behalf of itself, Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”), Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group (collectively, “Parties”¹), and in response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, Staff respectfully proposes the following *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*:

Proposed Procedural Schedule

1. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

EVENT	DATE
Filing Date	December 19, 2025
Application / Direct	May 14, 2026
Discovery Conference	July 20, 2026
Discovery Conference	August 10, 2026
Virtual Local Public Hearing	August 17, 2026
Settlement Positions Exchanged	August 18, 2026
1 st Settlement Conference	August 21, 2026
Staff Report/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal	September 15, 2026
Settlement Positions Exchanged	September 18, 2026

¹ The Office of the Public Counsel declined to join this proposal, specifically citing the lack of an in-person Local Public Hearing.

2 nd Settlement Conference	September 22, 2026
Testimony to Support Settlement	September 29, 2026
On-the-Record Presentation to Support Settlement	October 2, 2026
Surrebuttal/Cross Rebuttal	October 5, 2026
List of Issues, Exhibits, Witnesses, Order of Openings, and Cross-Examination	October 9, 2026
Discovery Cut Off	October 9, 2026
Position Statements	October 14, 2026
Evidentiary hearing	October 19, 21 and 23, 2026
Initial Briefs	November 16, 2026
Reply Briefs	November 24, 2026
Report and Order Requested	December 23, 2026
Effective Date	January 2, 2027

2. The Parties agree that EMM will provide notice of the Virtual Local Public Hearing (“LPH”) by electronic means only (no bill insert) via email and text messages to EMM customers. The Parties agree that EMM will (1) publish notice of the LPH in the publication “Nodaway News”, (2) publish notice of the LPH on the Company’s home internet site, and (3) send a media advisory to radio stations that serve the Nodaway County area. Everyg will distribute these notices approximately one week before the LPH.

3. The Parties request the Commission set the time of the virtual LPH and approve the content of the electronic and publication notices, by July 17, 2026.

Discovery Procedures

4. 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. EMM's responses to Staff data requests will be available to other parties on EFIS. In addition, EMM'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. 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/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal testimony (September 15, 2026) and until the discovery cut-off date (October 9, 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 Staff's Report/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal 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 (including Secure Delivery). If email is not available, workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by delivery of 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 the conclusion of the hearing or October 30, 2026, whichever is sooner.**

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule in compliance with the Commission's June 11, 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 17th day of June 2026.

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