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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

In the Matter of the)
Application of Evergy Metro)
Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
Metro for Permission and) Case No.: EA-2026-0154
Approval of a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Construct,)
Install, Own, Operate, Manage,)
Maintain, and Control a)
Natural Gas Electrical)
Production Facility)

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KEN SEYER, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

KAYLA HAHN, Chair,
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,
GLEN KOLKMEYER,
JOHN MITCHELL,
COMMISSIONERS

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1 THE COURT: We're on the record and it's
2 June 11th. It is 1:00 o'clock p.m. No -- sorry, it's
3 June 10th -- June 10th, 2026.

4 And the Commission has set this time for
5 a procedural conference in the case captioned as In the
6 Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Incorporated,
7 doing business as Evergy Missouri Metro, for Permission
8 and Approval of a Certificate of Convenience and
9 Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own,
10 Operate, Manage, Maintain, and Control a Natural Gas
11 Electrical Production Facility.

12 It is case number EA-2026-0154. My name
13 is Kenneth Seyer. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge in this
14 matter. And before we go any further, I'd ask the
15 attorneys for the parties to introduce themselves,
16 beginning with Evergy Metro?

17 MS. WHIPPLE: Hi, Judge. Jacqueline
18 Whipple with Denton's US LLP. And I'm joined by Roger
19 Steiner of Evergy.

20 THE COURT: Thank you. For the Staff of
21 the Commission?

22 MS. JOHNSON: Carolyn, if you're talking,
23 I think you're muted. This is Tracy Johnson for the
24 Staff of the Commission, along with Carolyn Kerr.

25 THE COURT: All right. And for Public

1 Counsel?

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Chief
3 Deputy Public Counsel, appearing on behalf of the Office
4 of Public Counsel and the public.

5 THE COURT: And then Renew Missouri?

6 MS. MERS: Nicole Mers on behalf of Renew
7 Missouri.

8 THE COURT: Okay. And for Midwest Energy
9 Consumers Group?

10 MR. LYSKOWSKI: Good afternoon, Judge.
11 Daniel Lyskowski on behalf of MCEG.

12 THE COURT: Thank you. Evergy requested
13 a procedural conference to address their proposed
14 procedural schedule that they had filed, I believe, with
15 their application. And I will just say right off --
16 right off the bat that the evidentiary hearing dates.
17 There is a conflict on one of those dates.

18 There is already an evidentiary hearing
19 booked for October 20th. And I know -- and I know this
20 isn't -- this wasn't in the proposed procedural
21 schedule, this date, but it was probably purposely
22 excluded because October 22nd is the Power MO Conference
23 that I know the Commissioners will all be attending. So
24 having said that, do you have any suggestions on how we
25 work around that?

1 MS. WHIPPLE: Judge, it's my
2 understanding that perhaps Staff has at least a few
3 dates or a proposal to make. And ultimately, it may be
4 that -- what we need to do here is, is get a date from
5 you by which the party should submit their joint
6 proposed scheduling order, maybe a week from today. But
7 I don't want to step on anyone's toes if, if someone
8 else has something to suggest.

9 MS. CAROLYN: No, I think that's -- I
10 think that's a good idea. I think we had some
11 suggestions on some changing -- some dates and moving
12 some things up -- moving some things up and changing
13 some dates on the proposed procedural schedule. So I
14 think if we could have some time to revamp that schedule
15 and submit a proposed joint -- proposed schedule, that'd
16 be fine with us, I think.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, is there a hearing
19 date that the Commission has in mind?

20 THE COURT: Not really. Let me -- let me
21 see what that -- let me see what our calendar does look
22 like as far as the hearing room itself. It looks like
23 October. It is -- the hearing room itself is booked
24 October 5th through the 9th. The 12th is state holiday.
25 The 13th, it is booked. The 15th and 16th, it is

1 booked. These must be new bookings, because last time I
2 checked, I just had that. I was not aware of these
3 dates.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: That's the Everygy rates
5 (indiscernible)?

6 THE COURT: I got you. And the last week
7 of October does look completely open, as is October
8 19th. So the week of the 19th through the 23rd -- the
9 19th, 21st and 23rd are all available.

10 MS. CAROLIN: And what about in November?

11 THE COURT: November is absolutely clear.
12 Yeah, absolutely clear, except for state holidays.

13 MS. WHIPPLE: Would a -- just throwing
14 something out there would a week from today be all right
15 as a deadline by which the parties should submit joint
16 proposed schedules in the unlikely event that there
17 isn't a joint proposal, parties could submit individual
18 schedules?

19 THE COURT: I mean, unless, unless a
20 party has an objection to that, that's fine with me. I
21 can set the submission of a joint proposed procedural
22 schedule on the same date as individual procedural
23 schedules.

24 MS. JOHNSON: I don't think Staff has a
25 problem with that, Judge. I do want to kind of

1 highlight for the parties and certainly we can stay on
2 after the conference if you all want to touch base with
3 some more detail, but Staff is trying to accommodate a
4 time frame for settlement that would allow for some
5 expedited treatment that I think Everygy desires in this
6 case.

7 And if settlement is not going to work
8 out, we're looking to put more time between settlement
9 options and the filing of testimony so that we would
10 have better time for a hearing, because staff is pretty
11 loaded at the end of the year. And so if the settlement
12 is not -- not an option our time frame looks very
13 different.

14 So that's the reason for kind of Staff's
15 desire to move some of the dates closer in time while
16 kind of pushing the end of the procedural schedule apart
17 a little bit further. And also, Staff would be
18 interested in an expedited discovery process as far as
19 the discovery time frame responses.

20 So we've kind of floated that idea by
21 Everygy, and, and we're open to more conversation about
22 it, but just to give -- give the Judge and the other
23 parties a heads-up, looking for expedited discovery and
24 settlement, and then A larger space between like a
25 hearing schedule, and maybe the filing of testimony if

1 it isn't basically just rebuttal in support of.

2 MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, just to remind you,
3 in this case Everygy seeking authorization to do
4 construction work in progress for the plant in question,
5 and it's also seeking, or plans to seek, in the pending
6 rate case, recovery of that. So, just put that in
7 perspective, or remind you of it.

8 THE COURT: Okay, well, would you all
9 like to stay on the line and discuss this?

10 MR. STEINER: Sure. Sure, Your Honor.
11 Could I request that you take the transcription off --

12 THE COURT: Yeah, yeah.

13 MR. STEINER: -- when we're just talking.

14 THE COURT: Right.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Appreciate that. Thank
16 you.

17 MR. STEINER: I don't want to -- I don't
18 want it to catch all my -- and then I just was at a
19 conference that says that the transcription service is
20 not always completely accurate. So imagine that --

21 THE COURT: I was actually --

22 MR. STEINER: I could be wrong.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: (indiscernible).

24 THE COURT: I was actually at a hearing
25 not too long ago where the, the live recording was not

1 as smooth as, as it could have been. So anyway, all
2 right. Well then, if there is there anything further
3 before we go -- before, I at least, I go off the record
4 and, and leave you all to your own resources?

5 MR. STEINER: I don't think so.

6 THE COURT: All right. Then, let's go
7 off the record. And I will drop off here.

8 MR. STEINER: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: And Kayla --

10 MS. WHIPPLE: Thank you, Judge.

11 THE COURT: And Kayla, if you are there,
12 you can stop the recording.

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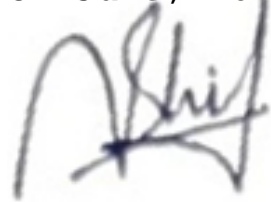
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