



Evergy Missouri Metro  
Case Name: 2026 Evergy MO Metro Rate Case  
Case Number: ER-2026-0143

Requestor Alvarez P -  
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Question:5008

Refer to your response to OPC 2019, which indicates Asset Lens scores are used to select Lateral Improvement projects.

- a. Provide a list of lateral improvement projects placed into service since EMM's last general electric rate case through the end of the test year in this case.
- b. Provide a list of lateral improvement projects placed into service (or projected to be placed into service) in the post-test year period.
- c. Refer to the lists of lateral improvement projects provided in response to subparts (a) and (b) above. For each project listed, please identify:
  - i. The year and month the project was placed, or that is projected to be placed, into service.
  - ii. The capital cost of the project.
  - iii. The alphanumeric identifier for the project's circuit such that the identifier matches those used in your responses to OPC 2004 & OPC 2006.
  - iv. A brief description of work completed as part of the project.
  - v. Your justifications for why the lateral improvement project was required for safe and reliable service.
  - vi. The 'score' for the asset or project (from Asset Lens?).
  - vii. The inputs into each of the six score drivers (as described in the Company's response to OPC 2020).
  - viii. Each and every benefit-cost analysis completed on the project (including workpapers, assumptions, inputs, etc.)
- d. Refer to the Company's responses to subparts a, b, and c above. Explain how "scores" are used to select projects for implementation.
- e. Refer to the Company's responses to subparts a, b, c, and d above. OPC assumes the Company selects prospective equipment replacement projects above a certain score for implementation in a particular year. If this assumption is incorrect, provide each and every criteria EMM uses for selecting both what projects to implement, and the year in which to implement it.
  - i. Please explain how the Company selects the score to use as a threshold for selecting prospective equipment replacement projects to be implemented in a particular year.
  - ii. Refer to the Company's response to subpart (e)(i) above. Explain how the Company determines that the threshold score selected is the most appropriate.

RESPONSE: (do not edit or delete this line or anything above this)



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**Response:**

a. See attachment Q5008\_Lateral Info(a)

b. See attachment Q5008\_Lateral Info(b)

c(i, ii, iii, iv). See attachments Q5008\_Lateral Info(a) and Q5008\_Lateral Info(b)

c(v). The lateral program is utilized for proactive replacements of assets to reduce amount and duration of outages by upgrading aging infrastructure before it fails. This program does not purport to directly provide safer service.

c(vi). The benefit-cost ratio (BCR) is not retained through data refreshes of the AssetLens tool.

c(vii). The inputs used to compute BCR are not retained through data refreshes of the AssetLens tool.

c(viii). The AssetLens tool is the source of the BCR used for all lateral program projects.

d. The BCRs are used to rate projects against one another regardless of scale or location. A higher BCR implies that the project will provide a larger overall benefit and more efficient allocation of funding. In general, projects with higher BCRs will be selected.

e. This assumption is correct.

e(i). In general, a BCR above 1 is the threshold for a project. There is not a specified goal number for the BCR for any given year, rather the goal is to do the highest BCR projects while remaining within the given budget.

e(ii). Focusing on projects with a BCR above 1 ensures that projects have a larger projected benefit than the upfront cost of the project.

**Information provided by: Brenden Feldt**

**Attachment(s):**

Q5008\_Lateral Info a

Q5008\_Lateral Info b

**Missouri Verification:**

I have read the Information Request and answer thereto and find answer to be true, accurate, full and complete, and contain no material misrepresentations or omissions to the best of my knowledge and belief; and I will disclose to the Commission Staff any matter subsequently



discovered which affects the accuracy or completeness of the answer(s) to this Information Request(s).

Signature /s/ *Brad Lutz*  
Director Regulatory Affairs