

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

In the Matter of the Application of Central	)	
Missouri Electric Cooperative, Inc. for Approval	)	
Of Designated Service Boundaries Within	)	Case No. EO-2026-0070
Portions of Pettis County, Missouri	)	

**JOINT RESPONSE TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL’S OBJECTIONS
TO STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW, Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“CMEC”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”), each by and through counsel, and offers their joint response to the concerns raised by the Office of Public Counsel in its Objections to Stipulation and Agreement filed in this matter on July 2, 2026 (“Objections”). CMEC and EMW respectfully state as follows:

1. Within the Office of Public Counsel’s Objections, it alleges that CMEC and EMW are attempting to circumvent the requirements of Section 394.312 RSMo. and Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-3.130. CMEC and EMW categorically deny this allegation and intend to fully comply with all statutory requirements or Commission rules as required in seeking approval of the proposed territorial agreement by the Commission.
2. CMEC and EMW do not oppose Public Counsel’s request for the Commission to open a new docket for approval of the proposed territorial agreement.
3. CMEC and EMW do not agree that the procedures for approval of any future Addendum, as found in the Exceptions to Procedure section of the proposed territorial agreement is an attempt to limit Public Counsel’s duties. In fact, such a provision, with completely identical language, has been approved by the Commission in a similar case wherein a rural electric cooperative filed an application for designation of service boundaries (File No. EO-2022-0190) with the matter being resolved by a stipulation and agreement which included

a proposed territorial agreement ultimately being approved by the Commission (File No. EO-2022-0332).

WHEREFORE, CMEC and EMW respectfully offer this response to the Office of Public Counsel's Objections to Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First-Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 9th day of July 2026, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Andrew Sporleder