

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)
Case No. ER-2026-0143

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES AND ISSUING A PRELIMINARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: July 27, 2026

Effective Date: July 27, 2026

On July 17, 2026, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro filed its *Motion for Protective Order and for Expedited Treatment* (Motion) requesting a Protective Order concerning disclosure of its confidential and highly-confidential information through unsecured or generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools, platforms, systems, or similar technology. Evergy Missouri West requested expedited treatment of its motion.

At its core, the Motion seeks to prohibit any party, counsel, or their agents to whom confidential information is disclosed from inputting, uploading, submitting, or otherwise introducing such information into any unsecured or generative AI Tool (e.g. standard ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or similar platforms), including, but not limited to, the use of AI meeting note takers.

The Commission will set a time for responses and will then consider those responses in making a determination on the Motion. While that process unfolds, the Commission will issue a preliminary protective order.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(4) provides that while a motion seeking expanded protection of confidential information is pending, the disclosing party will be

afforded the protection sought. Therefore, the Commission will issue a preliminary protective order pending responses from parties and a determination by the Commission regarding the Motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Responses to Evergy's Missouri Metro's Motion shall be filed no later than August 6, 2026.
2. Evergy Missouri Metro's request for a protective order is preliminarily granted. No party, counsel, or their agents to whom confidential information is disclosed shall input, upload, submit, or otherwise introduce such information into any unsecured or generative AI Tool (e.g. standard ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, or similar platforms), including, but not limited to, the use of AI meeting note takers.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of July, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 27th day of July, 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" and last name "Dippell" clearly distinguishable.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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