

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro's and Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Notice of Intent to) **Case No. EO-2026-0345**
File an Application for Authority to Establish a)
Demand-Side Programs Investment)

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AND WAIVER OF 20 CSR 4240-20.094(4)(H)

Issue Date: September 18, 2026

Effective Date: September 18, 2026

On August 26, 2026,¹ the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Establishing Intervention Deadline, and Setting Procedural Schedule* (Order) in this case – the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) Cycle 5 application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, Evergy).

On September 8, the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel (collectively, Joint Movants) filed their *Joint Motion for Reconsideration and Waiver of 20 CSR 4240-20.094(4)(H)* (Joint Motion).

In their Joint Motion, Joint Movants request that the Commission reconsider the procedural schedule set by the Order, arguing that, for Evergy's first three MEEIA cycles, a joint procedural schedule was agreed to by the parties in each case and, for Evergy's Cycle 4 application, Staff and Evergy filed separate proposed procedural schedules that were in sync on evidentiary hearing dates, briefing dates, and requested Commission order dates.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2026.

Joint Movants also point out that multiple evidentiary hearings are scheduled between now and the scheduled evidentiary hearing dates in this case of October 28-30.

Joint Movants also argue that the current procedural schedule provides inadequate time for discovery and point out that Evergy's previous applications for MEEIA Cycle 3 and MEEIA Cycle 4 took over 12 months and over seven months from the date the applications were filed to the date the Commission issued its order approving the programs. Under the current procedural schedule, the process is set to conclude in less than four months.

On September 16, Evergy filed its *Response in Opposition to Joint Motion for Reconsideration and Waiver of 20 CSR 4240-20.094(4)(H)* (Response).

Evergy asserts that the Order was lawful, reasonable, and consistent with MEEIA regulations. Evergy points out that, while its Demand Response programs are not set to expire until January 1, 2028, its energy efficiency programs will expire on January 1, 2027, potentially interrupting those programs. Evergy further argues that their MEEIA Cycle 5 application presents few, if any, issues that substantially differ from its MEEIA Cycle 4 application, making the review of its application likely uncomplicated.

While cognizant of Evergy's program interruption concerns, the Commission also recognizes the value in the parties working together in past MEEIA cases to arrive at mutually-agreeable solutions for all parties involved. In addition, the Commission fully recognizes the press of business before the Commission, not only through the end of October, but through the end of 2026.

Therefore, the Commission reconsiders its Order setting the procedural schedule in this case and will order the parties to confer and submit a joint proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission also finds good cause exists to waive the 120-day requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.094(4)(H) due to the press of business before the Commission and the value of all the parties agreeing on a procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Joint Movants' Motion is granted. The procedural schedule set by the Commission in its Order issued on August 26, 2026, is no longer in effect. The parties shall confer and file a joint proposed procedural schedule no later than September 30, 2026.
2. The Commission finds good cause in this case, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.205, to waive the requirement under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.094(4)(H) that the Commission approve, approve with modification acceptable to the electric utility, or reject an application for approval of an electric utility demand-side program or portfolio within 120 days of its filing.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 18th day of September, 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 18th day of September, 2026.



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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,

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Nancy Dippell
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