

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. and Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc.

Case No. EA-2026-0343

Request for Authority Related to the Buchanan Bluffs Energy Center Unit 2

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, Hitomi Patterson, pursuant to the rules of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and respectfully requests leave to intervene in this proceeding. In support of this Application, I state as follows:

1. Applicant Information

My name is Hitomi Patterson.

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Gower, MO 64454

My telephone number is:

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2. Interest in the Proceeding

I reside in approximately 5 miles from the proposed natural gas-fired power plant that is the subject of this proceeding. My family, property, and community may be directly affected by the construction and operation of the proposed facility.

My interests are different from those of the general public because I live in the local area and may experience direct, long-term effects from the project.

3. Issues of Concern

I seek intervention because I have substantial concerns regarding the impacts of the proposed project, including:

a. Environmental Impacts

The potential impact of construction activities and ongoing plant operations on local air quality, water quality, wildlife, soil conditions, and natural resources.

b. Public Health Impacts

Potential emissions and airborne pollutants that may affect residents, particularly individuals with asthma, allergies, chronic respiratory conditions, and other health concerns.

c. Agricultural Impacts

I maintain a vegetable garden and am concerned about the potential long-term effects of air emissions, water usage, water contamination, dust, and other environmental impacts locally grown produce and agricultural activities in the area.

Water Resource Impacts

The effect of the plant's water consumption on local water supplies, groundwater resources, and nearby landowners who depend upon those resources.

e. Infrastructure and Financial Impacts

The burden on local roads from construction traffic, heavy equipment, and ongoing industrial operations, together with potential costs that may ultimately be borne by local taxpayers or residents.

f. Property and Quality of Life Impacts

Potential impacts on property values, noise levels, visual appearance of the area, and the rural character of the community.

4. Public Interest

My participation will serve the public interest by providing the Commission with information and perspectives from a local resident who may be directly affected by the

project. I intend to monitor the proceeding, review filings, and present concern regarding environmental, health, agricultural, and community impacts.

5. Position

At this time, I oppose approval of the project unless it can be demonstrated through substantial evidence that the project will not cause unreasonable harm to public health, local infrastructure, water resources, agriculture, property owners, or the environment.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission grant this Application to Intervene and allow Applicant to participate as a party in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Hitomi Patterson

Date: 9/21/26

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Leave to Intervene Out of Time and Application to Intervene was served by electronic mail on this 21st of September 2026.

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