

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

In the Matter of the Application)
of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri Metro for)
Permission and Approval of a) Case No.: EA-2026-0154
Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Install, Own, Operate)
Manage, Maintain, and Control a)
Natural Gas Electrical)
Production Facility)

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KEN SEYER, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

KAYLA HAHN, Chair,
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,
GLEN KOLKMEYER,
JOHN MITCHELL,
COMMISSIONERS

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1 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Okay.

2 MR. LAMONS: Seyer -- Judge Seyer, this
3 is Brian. I'll just tell you we don't have a reporter
4 online, but we will make a recording and send it
5 tomorrow to be transcribed.

6 JUDGE SEYER: Right, right. I was -- I
7 was told that earlier. Thank you. Okay, let's go on
8 the record. Today is September 10th, 2026. The time is
9 6:40 p.m. My name is Ken Seyer. I'm a regulatory law
10 judge with the Missouri Public Service Commission, and I
11 will preside over this hearing.

12 The commission has set this time for a
13 local public hearing to give members of the public a
14 chance to comment about the Application of Evergy Metro,
15 Incorporated, doing business as Evergy Missouri Metro,
16 for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity relating
17 to a simple-cycle gas turbine generation facility to be
18 located in Nodaway County. The commission case number
19 is EA-2026-0154. The commission regulates the rates
20 charged by public utility companies in Missouri to
21 ensure that those rates are just and reasonable. The
22 commission also regulates the quality of service and
23 safety of the operations of public utilities.

24 The commission currently has four
25 commissioners. They are appointed by the governor and

1 confirmed by the Senate. The commission employs a staff
2 of engineers, accountants, attorneys, financial
3 analysts, and other specialists in the field of utility
4 regulation.

5 Joining us tonight online are Chair Kayla
6 Hahn and commissioners Maida Coleman, Glen Kolkmeyer,
7 and John Mitchell. The commissioners have not made any
8 decisions in this case and cannot answer any questions
9 today because they have to remain impartial until after
10 all the evidence is presented at the evidentiary hearing
11 in this matter set to begin on October 19th. At this
12 time, Chair Hahn, would you like to make opening
13 remarks?

14 MS. HAHN: Sure. Thanks, Judge Seyer.
15 On behalf of the entire commission, I'd like to welcome
16 you all to the local public hearing in this certificate
17 case. We look forward to hearing your input, and we
18 appreciate you bringing your comments to us this
19 evening. Thanks, Judge Seyer. Appreciate it.

20 JUDGE SEYER: All right, thank you.
21 There are attorneys here tonight representing the
22 parties in this matter. And so, for the sake of the
23 record, would each of you identify yourselves and state
24 which party you're representing, beginning with Evergy
25 Missouri Metro.

1 MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Judge. Cole
2 Bailey for Evergy Missouri Metro. Business address is
3 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Thank
4 you.

5 JUDGE SEYER: And can I call upon you to
6 go ahead and spell your last name?

7 MR. BAILEY: B-A-I-L-E-Y.

8 JUDGE SEYER: All right, thank you. And
9 then for the Commission Staff.

10 MR. CUNNEEN: Good evening, Judge. Ray
11 Cunneen, legal counsel for Staff of the Commission.
12 That's C-U-N-N-E-E-N. We're at 200 Madison Street,
13 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

14 JUDGE SEYER: All right. For the Office
15 of the Public Counsel.

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Chief
17 Deputy Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City,
18 Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of the Office of
19 Public Counsel and the public in general.

20 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Do we have
21 anyone for Midwest Energy Consumers Group? All right,
22 how about Renew Missouri?

23 MS. MERS: Yes, Nicole Mers is appearing
24 on behalf of Renew Missouri. My information is on the
25 record already. Thank you.

1 JUDGE SEYER: All right. And for the
2 sake of the record, your last name is spelled M-E-R-S?

3 MS. MERS: Yes, it is.

4 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Thank you.
5 Okay. And my understanding is that we have one person
6 signed up to testify. So when I call upon you, I'll
7 place you under oath and ask you to state and spell your
8 name, and then you can offer your comments to the
9 commission. Once you finish your comments, please
10 remain online in case there are questions from the
11 commissioners or the attorneys for the parties. And
12 that person is Caitlin Hicks. Ms. Hicks, are you there?
13 If you are there and speaking, you might have to unmute.

14 MS. COLEMAN: Judge, I believe when
15 someone calls in, they have to punch star six to unmute.

16 JUDGE SEYER: That is my recollection as
17 well. So if you -- if you are on a cell phone that does
18 not have a mute and unmute button, then star six will
19 toggle that off and on. All right. Is there -- is
20 Caitlin Hicks here online? Okay. Is there anyone else
21 who's online who has not indicated they wish to testify
22 but now would like to testify?

23 All right. If there are people who, who
24 are online now and would like to offer their comments
25 later, you can submit written comments via the

1 commission's website. It's psc dot mo dot gov. On the
2 right side of the homepage, there is a link titled
3 Submit Comments, and if you click on that link and, and
4 add your comments, make sure you reference this case
5 number, EA-2026-0154.

6 And if you would like to contact the
7 Office of the Public Counsel, you can email them at
8 mopco at opc dot mo dot gov.

9 Commissioner Coleman, would you like to
10 make any closing remarks?

11 MS. COLEMAN: Judge, I'd just like to say
12 that just in case there are other members of the public
13 online who wanted to just listen in and observe instead
14 of commenting, we certainly appreciate your attention to
15 this matter tonight. And again, as Judge Seyer noted,
16 you are welcome to offer comments online at the Missouri
17 Public Service Commission's website. Thank you, Judge.

18 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Thank you,
19 Commissioner Coleman, and thank you all for
20 participating tonight. The hearing is now adjourned,
21 and we are off the record.

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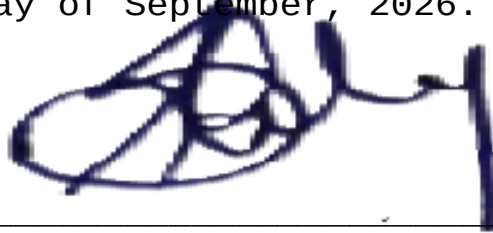
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