

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

In the Matter of the Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West for Permission and Approval of)
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing) Case No. EA-2026-0343
them to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Manage,)
Maintain, and Control a Natural Gas Production)
Facility and a Battery Energy Storage System)

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, “Evergy”), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri (“Renew Missouri”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) (collectively, the “Parties”), and respectfully submit this Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule. In support thereof, the Parties state as follows:

1. On August 31, 2026, Evergy filed its Application requesting that the Commission grant certificates of convenience and necessity authorizing the construction, installation, ownership, operation, management, maintenance, and control of new generating facilities, including Buchanan Bluffs Unit 2 in Buchanan County, Missouri, and the Foxtrot battery energy storage system in Jasper County, Missouri.

2. The Parties have conferred and jointly propose that the Commission adopt the procedural schedule set forth below. The proposed schedule incorporates the virtual and in-person local public hearings identified in the public hearing notice and provides deadlines for testimony, settlement discussions, prehearing submissions, the evidentiary hearing, and post-hearing briefs.

EVENT	DATE
Application Filing Date	August 31, 2026
Discovery Conference	October 26, 2026
In-Person Local Public Hearings	November 16, 2026, at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. Buchanan County Fairgrounds, 301 N. County Park Rd., Easton, MO 64443
Virtual Local Public Hearing	November 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Discovery Conference	November 30, 2026
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony	January 7, 2027
Settlement Positions Exchanged	January 12, 2027
Settlement Conference	January 14, 2027
Testimony in Support of Settlement	January 21, 2027
On-the-Record Presentation Regarding Settlement	January 27, 2027
Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal Testimony	February 4, 2027
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, and Order of Opening Statements	February 11, 2027
Discovery Cutoff	February 11, 2027
Position Statements	February 17, 2027
Evidentiary Hearing	February 24–26, 2027
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	March 19, 2027
Reply Briefs	March 29, 2027
Requested Report and Order	April 28, 2027
Requested Effective Date	May 8, 2027

3. Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West will provide notice sent via email to customers who have active email addresses in the Companies' systems, supplemented by mailed postcard notice to all Missouri customers.

Discovery Procedures

4. The Parties further propose the following procedural requirements:

All parties shall provide copies of testimony, exhibits, pleadings, and other documents to all attorneys of record by electronic means at the time of filing, unless otherwise agreed.

b. Discovery shall be conducted pursuant to the Commission's rules. Discovery responses shall be served electronically upon counsel for the requesting party and made available to other parties upon request, subject to any applicable confidentiality designation or protective order.

c. The response time for data requests shall be twenty calendar days, with ten calendar days to object or request clarification, until January 6, 2027. Beginning January 7, 2027, the response time shall be ten calendar days, with

five calendar days to object or request clarification. Beginning February 4, 2027, the response time shall be five business days, with two business days to object or request clarification. The Parties may agree to different response times for particular requests.

- d. Discovery conferences will be held remotely unless otherwise agreed. Any discovery dispute not resolved by the Parties may be presented to the presiding officer in accordance with the Commission's rules.
- e. Pre-filed testimony shall be filed in question-and-answer format, with line numbers, and shall identify the witness and sponsoring party. Testimony and schedules containing confidential information shall be filed in public and confidential versions as required by Commission rule and any protective order entered in this case.
- f. The Parties shall cooperate in preparing the joint list of issues and the proposed order of witnesses, cross-examination, and opening statements. The inclusion of an issue on the joint list does not constitute agreement concerning the issue's phrasing, relevance, materiality, or proper resolution, and no party waives any objection or argument by participating in preparation of the list.
- g. Position statements shall provide a concise statement of each party's position on each disputed issue and shall cite supporting pre-filed testimony when practicable. Position statements will not constitute evidence and will not bind any party to a particular evidentiary presentation or legal argument.
- h. The Parties reserve the right to seek modification of the procedural schedule for good cause.

Motion for Expedited Treatment

5. The Parties further request that the Commission enter an Order setting the procedural schedule and details of the LPHs as identified above no later than October 15, 2026. Entering the Order by this date will allow Evergy the ability to provide the requested notice, while maintaining the proposed LPH dates. Retaining these dates will allow the Parties to consider statements made at the LPHs before filing their Rebuttal Testimony on January 7, 2027. Therefore, the harm that will be avoided by granting the request for expedited treatment is that it will avoid the necessity of renegotiating the LPH dates included in the proposed procedural schedule. This pleading was filed as soon as the parties were able to come to an agreement on the customer notice for the LPHs and therefore was filed as soon as it could have been.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue an order (1) adopting the Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, (2) set the LPHs as identified above, (3) adopt the procedural requirements set forth above, (4) enter its Order granting this relief no later than October 15, 2026, and (5) grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 14th day of October 2026.

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