

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West, for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate Generating Facilities

Case No. EA-2026-0343

**RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF JOSEPH R. LESLIE'S OBJECTION TO JOINT PROPOSED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Thalia Alicia Insko, an individual resident and applicant for intervention or intervenor, as reflected in the Commission's docket, and respectfully submits this response supporting Joseph R. Leslie's October 14, 2026 Objection to Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Treatment. In support, I state:

1. Direct interest. I reside in Agency, Buchanan County, Missouri, approximately two miles in a straight line from the proposed Buchanan Bluffs site. My family, neighboring property owners, local agricultural operations, and a nearby school have substantial interests in the Commission's consideration of the proposed facilities. My concerns include air emissions, water availability and quality, industrial noise, traffic, safety, property values, and the cumulative effects of Buchanan Bluffs Units 1 and 2.

2. Insufficient opportunity to respond. The Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule was filed October 14, 2026 and requests an order no later than October 15, 2026. That interval does not afford affected residents a reasonable opportunity to review the proposed deadlines, consult counsel, and submit informed comments. I support Mr. Leslie's request that the Commission independently evaluate the schedule rather than adopt it on an expedited basis without meaningful resident input.

3. Unequal practical ability to prepare. Institutional parties participated in negotiating the proposed schedule. Individual residents and intervention applicants did not necessarily have comparable advance access, legal resources, or technical assistance. The proposed October 26 discovery conference may occur before residents can sufficiently review technical studies, formulate data requests, and understand the procedures governing participation.

4. Technical and cumulative impacts. Meaningful review should include the cumulative effects of the proposed Buchanan Bluffs facilities and shared infrastructure, including water demand and sources, emissions and air quality, noise and lighting, agricultural operations, effects on nearby homes and schoolchildren, and proposed mitigation measures. Adequate time to obtain and analyze supporting information is essential.

5. Public hearings should remain accessible. I support the proposed in-person local public hearings on November 16, 2026, in Easton and the virtual hearing on November 17, 2026, provided that adequate notice and meaningful access are assured. Public hearings should not be treated as a replacement for an intervenor's opportunity to conduct discovery and participate in the evidentiary process.

6. Requested relief. I respectfully ask the Commission to (a) consider and sustain the procedural concerns raised in Mr. Leslie's objection; (b) provide a reasonable opportunity for affected residents and intervention applicants to comment on or propose modifications to the schedule; (c) defer the October 26 discovery conference or provide an additional accessible early discovery conference with sufficient preparation time; (d) preserve meaningful local public hearings and adequate notice; and (e) adopt deadlines that permit informed review of cumulative site impacts and proposed mitigation. I do not seek unnecessary delay, but a fair process that affords nearby residents a genuine opportunity to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thalia Alicia Insko

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Agency, Missouri

Date: October 15, 2026

Certificate of Service

I certify that this response will be served on the parties and counsel of record in accordance with the Commission's applicable filing and service requirements on the date of filing.

/s/ Thalia Alicia Insko

REFERENCES TO DOCKET FILINGS

1. **Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule**, Case No. EA-2026-0343, filed October 14, 2026, pp. 1–2 (proposed discovery conference and public hearing dates), p. 4, ¶ 5 (request for an order by October 15, 2026).
2. **Joseph R. Leslie, Objection to Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Treatment**, Case No. EA-2026-0343, Docket Item 67, dated October 14, 2026, ¶¶ 2–4, 6–7 (timing, resident participation, independent Commission review, and requested relief).

These references identify the docket filings discussed in this response. Statements about my residence, interests, and concerns are made from my personal knowledge and perspective.