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(Proceedings commenced at 9:00 a.m.)

JUDGE CLARK: We're on the record. Good morning. Today is October 13th, 2026, and the current time is 9:00 a.m. This proceeding is being held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building as well as electronically via WebEx. The Commission has set aside this time for day six in the evidentiary hearing in the matter of Evergy Missouri Metro -- or sorry, Evergy Metro, Inc., doing business as Evergy Missouri Metro's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric Service. And that is case number ER-2026-0143.

My name is John Clark. I'm the regulatory law judge presiding over this proceeding today. With me today, our Commissioners Mitchell, currently online. Other commissioners will join online or be in person today throughout the day. At this time, I'm going to ask for entries of appearance. Evergy Metro?

MR. STEINER: Good morning. Roger Steiner, Cole Bailey, Jackie Whipple, Jim Fischer, Mike Robinson, Chandler Hiatt for the company.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. On behalf of Staff?

MS. JOHNSON: Good morning, Judge Clark. Tracy Johnson from Staff Counsel's Office, along with Ray Cunneen and Travis Pringle, will be joining us later

today.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. On behalf of MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: Good morning, Judge. Daniel Lyskowski on behalf of MECG.

JUDGE CLARK: Anyone present from Renew? They had asked to be excused. Well, MIEC had asked to be excused as well. Google?

MR. SCHULTE: Good morning, Judge. Andrew Schulte with Polsinelli PC on behalf of Google.

JUDGE CLARK: And Velvet Tech? Not at this point, but they may show up for the on-the-record. Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Williams. I believe we have two issues left to address today, and those are Issue 36, critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity, and Issue 17, depreciation. As far as I know, we have Spanos attending via video. Is that correct? All right, thank you. And what other witnesses do we have via video?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: For the 10 o'clock portion, we will have Brian Andrews appearing via video on behalf of MECG.

JUDGE CLARK: But that's on the stipulation; that's not here at the evidentiary hearing.

MR. LYSKOWSKI: Correct.

JUDGE CLARK: Am I correct on that? Are there any other issues that need to be taken up besides those two? Okay, my plan is to get as far as we can by 9:40. We'll break so Brian can set up for the on-the-record presentation. Hopefully, I'm hopeful that we'll be down to cleanup by then. If that's the case, then we will just handle that whenever the on-the-record presentation ends. Then we'll come back for whatever remains of this evidentiary hearing.

Are there any preliminary matters which the Commission needs to take up at this time? Okay, hearing none, Evergy, you can call your witness.

MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. Evergy calls Kevin Gunn.

JUDGE CLARK: And Mr. Gunn, I'll remind you, you're still under oath. Go ahead, Evergy.

MR. BAILEY: Thank you, Your Honor. Good morning, Kevin. You're already under oath. You've filed your testimony. I tender the witness for cross-examination and questions from Commission.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Any cross-examination from Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No. Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel?.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.
JUDGE CLARK: MECG?
MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions, Your Honor.
JUDGE CLARK: Staff of the Commission?
MS. JOHNSON: No. Thank you, Judge.
JUDGE CLARK: I have no questions. You may step down.
MR. GUNN: : Thank you.
JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Evergy, you may call your next witness for this issue.
MR. STEINER: The company calls Ronald Clout.
JUDGE CLARK: And I didn't ask, does anybody have any mini-openings for today? I hear none. I'll remind you you're still under oath.
MR. STEINER: For the stipulation presentation, we will.
JUDGE CLARK: Again, that's going to be a separate proceeding, so. Okay. Again, I think I just said this. I'll remind you you're still under oath.
MR. CLOUT: Yes.
JUDGE CLARK: Go ahead, Evergy.
MR. STEINER: He's already been sworn and his testimony is in the record. So offer him for questions.
JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Any cross-examination on behalf of Google?

MR. SCHULTE: None, thank you.
JUDGE CLARK: MECG?
MR. LYSKOWSKI: None, thank you.
JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel?
MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.
JUDGE CLARK: Staff?
MS. JOHNSON: No, thank you.
JUDGE CLARK: You may step down. Evergy?
MR. BAILEY: Evergy calls Charles King.
JUDGE CLARK: Mr. King, would you raise your right hand to be sworn? Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give is the truth?
MR. KING: I do.

CHARLES KING,

of lawful age, being produced, sworn, and examined testified as follows:

JUDGE CLARK: Please be seated. You already are. Please state and spell your name for JUDGE CLARK reporter.
MR. KING: Yes. Charles King, C-H-A-R- -- A-R- - L-E-S K-I-N-G.
JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Evergy, go ahead.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. BAILEY:
Q. Thank you, Mr. King. Where do you work, and

what do you do?

A. I am the chief technology officer at Evergy, which means I have responsibility for information technology and security.

Q. And you are adopting the direct testimony of Gary Johnson, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. And have you reviewed Mr. Johnson's testimony?

A. Yes.

Q. And if I were to ask you those same questions today, would your answers be substantially similar?

A. Yes.

Q. And you also filed rebuttal testimony as well?

A. Correct.

Q. And if I were to ask you those questions today, would your answers be the same or similar?

A. Yes.

Q. And any typos or edits to your testimony?

A. No.

MR. BAILEY: Your Honor, with that, I offer him for cross-examination. And I also move for the admission of Evergy Exhibit 39, which is the adoption of Gary King's (sic) direct testimony, and then the exhibit of Evergy 40.

JUDGE CLARK: Any objections to Gary Johnson's

direct, which is being adopted by Charles King, or King's rebuttal testimony being admitted onto the hearing record? Hearing no objections, Exhibits 39 and 40 are admitted on the hearing record. Go ahead, Evergy.

(Exhibits 39 and 40 were received into evidence.)

MR. BAILEY: I tender the witness for cross-examination and Commission questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Any cross-examination from Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross-examination from MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross-examination from Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.

JUDGE CLARK: The Staff of the Commission?

MS. JOHNSON: No, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Commission questions? I hear none. Mr. King, you may step down. I believe that's all of Evergy's witnesses for this issue, correct?

MR. STEINER: Correct.

JUDGE CLARK: Staff?

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. Staff would call Karen Lyons.

JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Lyons, would you raise your right hand to be sworn? Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give is the truth?

KAREN LYONS,

of lawful age, being produced, sworn, and examined testified as follows:

JUDGE CLARK: Please be seated and state and spell your name for JUDGE CLARK reporter.

MS. LYONS: My name is Karen Lyons. First name is spelled K-A-R-E-N, last name L-Y-O-N-S.

JUDGE CLARK: Staff?

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge.

EXAMINATION

BY MS. JOHNSON:

Q. Good morning, Ms. Lyons.

A. Good morning.

Q. Can you tell us by whom you're employed and in what capacity?

A. I am the manager of the auditing department for the Public Service Commission.

Q. And how long have you been in that role?

A. Since 2022.

Q. And how long have you been with the Commission overall?

A. Nearly 20 years.

Q. Are you the same Karen Lyons who provided rebuttal testimony in this case, both public and confidential versions, marked as Staff's Exhibit No. 140?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that testimony?

A. I do.

Q. Would you walk us through those, please?

A. Yes, you just give just a moment.

Q. Take your time.

A. So I'd first like to state that my testimony on page 10 provides a -- that's identified as a confidential table, is my understanding after talking to Evergy this morning that those numbers are not confidential. And I need to make a correction to those numbers. And so I just want to make sure that that is okay before I speak.

JUDGE CLARK: Is that correct, Evergy?

MS. WHIPPLE: Correct.

JUDGE CLARK: That's correct.

MS. LYONS: Okay, so before we get to the table on page 10, line 18, the sentence after "Yes" states "Staff analyzed data for the period of," that should be 2023 through June of 2026. And in the table for -- these are immaterial changes, just, just to be clear -- in the table for 2025, that should read 4,216,892. And for the

column for June of 2026, that should say 1,958,815. And then I have one more change on page 11, at the top of page 11, the number on the very first line, line 1, that should read 4,491,745. That's all my changes.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you for that. With those changes being made, and with the confidentiality designation being updated, is the information in that testimony true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and ability?

MS. LYONS: It is.

MS. JOHNSON: Judge, at this time, I would offer Ms. Lyons' rebuttal testimony, both the public and confidential versions, marked as Exhibit 140 for Staff.

JUDGE CLARK: Any objection to admitting the rebuttal testimony of Lyons onto the hearing record, both public and confidential?

MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I don't have an objection. But is there going to be a refiling or how will the change from that table being designated as confidential to made public be accomplished? I'm assuming she did not disclose the entirety of the table.

JUDGE CLARK: Is that correct?

MS. LYONS: That's correct.

JUDGE CLARK: Does Staff want to handle that with an errata sheet?

MS. JOHNSON: We are happy to. Sure.

JUDGE CLARK: Would that be satisfactory to Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: And Staff will submit an errata sheet before the end of the day tomorrow. Any objections to admitting the rebuttal testimony of Lyons, public and confidential, under the hearing record? Okay, with Public Counsel's clarification, Exhibit 140 is admitted onto the hearing record. Go ahead, Staff.

(Exhibit 140 was received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. We would tender Ms. Lyons for questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross-examination from Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. No.

JUDGE CLARK: Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy Metro?

MR. STEINER: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: I have no questions for you, Ms. Lyons. And I don't believe there are any Commission questions, so you may step down. I believe that Staff's

only witness for this issue. Is that correct?

MS. JOHNSON: That's correct, Judge. Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Public Counsel calls Angela Shabin.

JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Shabin, I'll remind you, you're still under oath. Go ahead, Public Counsel.

MR. WILLIAMS: Public counsel tenders her for examination.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross-examination from the Commission Staff?

MS. JOHNSON: No. Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No questions, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy Metro?

MR. BAILEY: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: I hear no Commission questions, and I have no questions for Ms. Shabin. You may step down. Thank you.

MS. SHABIN: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: There are no other witnesses for this issue from any party. Is that correct? Is that correct?

MS. JOHNSON: Staff has nothing further, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Did you have something you wanted to say, Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: No, Ms. Shabin was public counsel's only witness on this issue.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you very much. Then we are going to move on to Issue 17, which is depreciation. My understanding is that Evergy Metro would like to make a mini opening. Is that correct? No, that's only for the --

MR. STEINER: No, Your Honor.

JUDGE CLARK: All right. Then you may call your first witness.

MR. JABRA: Judge, could we ask that Charles King be released from the hearing?

JUDGE CLARK: Any objections to finally excusing Mr. King? Hearing none, Mr. King is so excused. Okay, Evergy, go ahead and call your witness.

MR. HIATT: Thank you, Your Honor. Evergy calls John Spanos, who will be appearing virtually.

JUDGE CLARK: If we can bring Mr. Spanos up.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It does not appear that Mr. Spanos has joined us yet.

JUDGE CLARK: Okay, we're going to go off the record for just a moment while we sort this out.

(Off the record.)

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy, go ahead. Your witness is here now.

MR. HIATT: Good morning, Mr. Spanos. Could you please state and spell your name for the record?

MR. SPANOS: Good morning. John J. Spanos, S, P as in Paul, A- N- O- S.

MR. HIATT: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Mr. Spanos, I'm going to swear you in real quick. Would you raise your right hand to be sworn? Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give is the truth?

MR. SPANOS: Yes, I do.

JOHN J. SPANOS,

of lawful age, being produced, sworn, and examined testified as follows:

JUDGE CLARK: Please go ahead.

MR. HIATT: Thank you.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. HIATT:

Q. Mr. Spanos, by whom are you employed?

A. Gannett Fleming Valuation and Rate Consultants LLC.

Q. And what is your position there?

A. I am president.

MR. HIATT: Thank you. Your Honor, as his exhibits have been admitted, we tender him for questions by the Commission.

JUDGE CLARK: And just so I can double check, what are his exhibit numbers?

MR. HIATT: 79 and 80, Your Honor.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Any cross-examination from Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No questions. Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross-examination from MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.

JUDGE CLARK: The Staff of the Commission?

MR. CUNNEEN: No questions, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Any Commission questions? I do have one question for you, Mr. Spanos. Did you include in your analysis any assumptions of how Evergy Metro's implementation of plant-in-service accounting, or PISA, affects the retirement of assets in your depreciation study or in the establishment of depreciation rates?

MR. SPANOS: Yes. The process of accounting for assets as they are retired and consistently recorded in according to all standard practices were incorporated in my study, which is when a retirement is recorded,

plant is reduced at the same level that the accumulated depreciation has -- is reduced.

JUDGE CLARK: And so you're talking about -- when you talk about accumulated depreciation, are you talking about accelerated depreciation?

MR. SPANOS: No, accumulated depreciation, or Account 108, is the book reserve that has been recorded based on past rates, retirements, cost of removal, gross salvage, etc. So all of those components roll into accumulated depreciation, which is how depreciation rates are based. And you will take the plant investment minus the reserve and recover the over the remaining life any future amounts that need to be recovered in order to make sure that full recovery, if occurs during the process of the life of all assets within an account.

JUDGE CLARK: Does accelerated depreciation -- sorry, wait a second, let me rephrase that. Does plant-in-service accounting result in an acceleration of asset retirements?

MR. SPANOS: No. The, the assets are depreciated based on the survivor curve and life characteristics, which are the expected removal or retirement of assets based on the curve. So if you have, for example -- and this is discussed in, in my rebuttal testimony, page 23 through 25 -- when you have a survivor

curve that in that example is 80-year average life with an R2.5 type curve, only about one and a half percent of the assets are retired at age 80.

There is an expectation that you'll have a certain percentage retired at age 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 30, 40 years, 60, 80 years, 90, 100 years, etc. So, there's a percentage, and all of those assets in the development of the depreciation rate is established based on how much you would expect each age to have retirements associated with that curve. And then the example was the age R2.5 type curve.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. That's the only questions I have for you. Any questions based upon bench questions? From Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No questions. Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: MECG?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

EXAMINATION

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q. Whenever you were talking about whether or not plant-in-service accounting affects asset retirements, and with the RLJ in this case, are you saying that plant-in-service accounting has no impact on when an asset is

retired?

A. I'm not sure I'm following the, the question. Assets are retired based on the survivor curve, which is when assets are placed in service and how they are expected to be retired based on that survivor curve, which is consistent with what we've seen not only historically, but what we anticipate going forward.

Q. Well, you're taking some actual data and comparing it to a survivor curve, and then based upon the curve you select, you're coming up with an average service life for depreciation purposes, correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. So what I'm asking is, are you saying that plant-in-service accounting has no impact upon when the actual plant retirement data that's applied against that survivor curve?

A. The survivor curve is a representation of what has been retired and what is expected to be retired. So it is matching that plant-in-service expectations.

Q. I think the question calls for a "Yes," "No," or "I don't know" response. And the question again is, are you saying that plant-in-service accounting has no impact on -- I'll break it down -- on the actual lives that are used to decide which survivor curve is chosen for coming up with a depreciation rate?

A. I'm not sure how my response has not answered your question, so I apologize. I, I, I must not understand your question.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Any cross based on bench questions from the Commission Staff?

MR. CUNNEEN: Nothing from Staff, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Any redirect?

MR. HIATT: No, Your Honor.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Mr. Spanos, I appreciate you testifying today.

MR. SPANOS: Thank you. Have a good day.

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy?

MR. HIATT: Your Honor, we would ask that Mr. Spanos be excused.

JUDGE CLARK: That's granted unless there are objections. I see none, that's granted. MECG, you have a witness?

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No, we do not, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Staff?

MR. CUNNEEN: Staff calls Amanda Arandia.

JUDGE CLARK: Ms. Arandia, would you raise your right hand to be sworn? Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give is the truth?

MS. ARANDIA: Yes.

AMANDA ARANDIA,
of lawful age, being produced, sworn, and examined
testified as follows:

JUDGE CLARK: Please be seated. And state and spell your name for JUDGE CLARK reporter.

MS. ARANDIA: Amanda Arandia. A-M-A-N-D-A, Arandia, A-R-A-N-D-I-A.

MR. CUNNEEN: Good morning, Ms. Arandia. Your testimony has already been admitted into the record, so I tender the witness for cross-examination.

JUDGE CLARK: And what number were those, so I may double check.

MR. CUNNEEN: That'd be Exhibit 100, Exhibit 126 and Exhibit 148, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Any cross-examination from Public Counsel?

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, no.

JUDGE CLARK: Google?

MR. SCHULTE: No questions, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: MECG?.

MR. LYSKOWSKI: No questions, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy Metro?

MS. WHIPPLE: No questions.

JUDGE CLARK: Any Commission questions? I hear none. Ms. Arandia, you may step down.

MS. ARANDIA: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: That's Staff's only witness, correct?

MR. CUNNEEN: Yes, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Public Counsel, do you have a witness for this?

MR. WILLIAMS: Do not.

JUDGE CLARK: Then we are out of witnesses for this. Is that correct? Okay. That completes our final issue of this hearing. With that, I'm going to -- it is 9:33. Rather than run seven minutes of additional hearing before we break at 9:40 before the on-the-record presentation in this case, why don't we go ahead and break until the on-the-record at 10 o'clock?

MR. CUNNEEN: And Judge, I have a question.

JUDGE CLARK: Of course.

MR. CUNNEEN: When are we going to enter the rest of our testimony into the record?

JUDGE CLARK: Because cleanup takes a lot of time and I prefer to do as little of that on the record as possible. I have no idea how long the on-the-record presentation is going to take, but I wanted to pick a definite time for it so everybody knew when to attend because I think that's what most people are interested in. So we will do cleanup after the on-the-record

presentation. We will go briefly back on the record as is necessary in this case, and then I will finally adjourn.

MR. CUNNEEN: Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Does that work for everybody?

MR. WILLIAMS: It does, but I will point out that probably some of that cleanup will require going onto the record.

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I think so. And I'm planning on keeping JUDGE CLARK reporter. And like I said, it's as minimally as necessary, but I agree with you. All right? All right, let's go off the record. And we will recess until after the on-the-record presentation at 10.

(Off the record.)

JUDGE CLARK: This is the continuation of this morning's evidentiary hearing. I believe this morning we ended the last two outstanding issues, which were critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity and depreciation. So it's my understanding at this point, there are no additional witnesses or evidence being offered. Is that correct?

MR. WILLIAMS: No.

JUDGE CLARK: With the exception of cleanup -- with the exception of cleanup. Okay, I've got my

paralegal telling me that transcripts were not expedited.

MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, the work procedural schedule said they're supposed to be filed by October 23rd.

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I thought I remembered them being expedited. Okay, I will get on that. We will get an expedited date for those. But, yeah, I thought I remembered something about that. All right. How do people want to do cleanup? I can just go down what's been admitted, and we can admit what hasn't been.

MR. WILLIAMS: From my perspective, I mean, I have exhibits 200 through 221. Manzell Payne's have not yet been admitted. That's 210, 211 and 212.

JUDGE CLARK: Well, since you chimed in first, we'll do you first.

MR. WILLIAMS: Sounds good.

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I've got Manzell Payne's 2010, 2011.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, it should be 210, 211. That's my year.

JUDGE CLARK: I know. No, I've just being me. Any objections to admitting the direct and rebuttal and surrebuttal of Manzell Payne onto the hearing record? Hearing none, Exhibits 210, 211, and 212 are admitted onto the hearing record. I've got Exhibit 214, John

Robinett, partially adopted by John Riley. Any objections to admitting that onto the hearing record?

(Exhibits 210, 211, 212 were received into evidence.)

MR. WILLIAMS: Judge, I wasn't going to offer that one because it's also attached to Mr. Riley's surrebuttal testimony as a schedule, so --

JUDGE CLARK: So I can knock out 214?

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: 214 is not admitted onto the hearing record.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, decided it wouldn't clutter it more.

JUDGE CLARK: I've got Schaben, direct and rebuttal.

MR. WILLIAMS: She should. She was admitted into evidence on the 6, should be direct, rebuttal, and surrebuttal.

JUDGE CLARK: I have it down on maybe, just didn't make a note. Any objection? So admitted 217, 218, and 219, if I haven't admitted those. And that's Public Counsel, correct?

(Exhibits 217, 218, 219 were received into evidence.)

MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. That should be evident.

JUDGE CLARK: MECG, I said I would circle back. I've got all of yours admitted, except I didn't have something down on the surrebuttal testimony of Brian Andrews. You said it's been admitted. Just to make sure, any objections to its admission? Hearing none. Exhibit 303 is admitted or readmitted onto the hearing record.

(Exhibit 303 was received into evidence.)

MR. LYSKOWSKI: Thank you

JUDGE CLARK: I have all of Google's exhibits entered and that is 450 through 454.

MR. SCHULTE: Thank you, Judge.

JUDGE CLARK: Evergy Missouri Metro, I've got a lot for you. So I've got Albert Bass direct, rebuttal, and surrebuttal. I've got Branson direct, rebuttal. I've got Buckley direct -- I'm sorry, Bulkley, direct, confidential rebuttal, public rebuttal, surrebuttal, and true-up rebuttal. And that takes us from Exhibits 2 through 11. Any objections to those? Evergy Exhibits 2 through 11 are admitted onto the hearing record. And then Exhibit 13, I've got Dragoo rebuttal. 14, I've got Foo direct. 15, I've got Foo direct public. 16, I've got Foo rebuttal confidential. 17, I've got Foo rebuttal public. And 18, I've got Foo surrebuttal. And 19, I have Foo true-up rebuttal.

(Exhibits 2-11 were received into evidence.)

MR. FISCHER: Your Honor, I believe Foo was already admitted.

JUDGE CLARK: And that maybe.

MR. FISCHER: Okay, thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: It's possible. I just didn't get it some. Any objections to any of those? Hearing none. Exhibits 13 through 19 are admitted. Any objection to Gladhill's direct? Hearing none. Exhibit 20 is also so admitted. Hardesty, direct, rebuttal, true-up direct, true-up rebuttal, Exhibits 24 to 27. Any objections? Those will be admitted on the hearing record. Hollinsworth rebuttal. Any objections to that? That will be admitted as well. So 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28. Exhibit 54. Lutz direct, confidential rebuttal, public rebuttal, surrebuttal confidential, surrebuttal public. Exhibits 54 through 58. Any objections? So admitted, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58. Meitner rebuttal confidential, Exhibit 63. Any objections? That'll be admitted. And Exhibit 81, Jessica Tucker confidential direct. Any objections? And Wolfram corrected direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal. Any objections to those? Okay, that's 83, 84, and 85. I believe that is all of Evergy's exhibits.

(Exhibits 13-19, 20, 24-28, 54-58, 63, 81, 83-85 was received into evidence.)

MR. FISCHER: Your Honor, would you like the stipulations and agreements to be entered as exhibits or --

JUDGE CLARK: No, I just leave those as they are.

MR. FISCHER: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Renew Missouri, I believe I've got all of your exhibits in. That's 350 through 356. And then finally the Staff of the Commission. This might be faster if I just run through it. I'll just ask on a one-by-one basis. Exhibit 101, Bailey direct. Any objections? Exhibit 102, Bax direct. Any objections?

(Exhibits 101, 102 were received into evidence.)

MR. WILLIAMS: No objections.

JUDGE CLARK: Any objections to Cox direct? Admitted. Eubanks direct?

(Exhibit 103 was received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: 104 was corrected, so we don't actually need 104. We need 123.

JUDGE CLARK: When we get there, remind me. Sydney Ferguson, direct. Any objections? That'll be admitted Exhibit 105. Exhibit 106, Stacy Henderson, direct. Any objections? Admitted. Randall Jennings, direct, Exhibit 107. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit

108, direct testimony of Sarah Lange, public and confidential.

(Exhibits 105-107 were received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: 108 is not needed.

JUDGE CLARK: I didn't think so. That's the strike one, right?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: The direct testimony of Keith Majors. Any objections? Admitted. The direct testimony of Hari Poudel. Any objections? Admitted. Amanda Rucker, direct, public, and confidential. Any objections? Admitted. 117, Smith, direct. Any objections? Admitted. Michael Stahlman, direct. Any objections? Admitted. Justin Teevy, direct. Objections? Admitted. Seoung Joun Won, direct testimony. Any objections? Admitted. The rebuttal testimony of Nathan Bailey. Any objections? Admitted.

The rebuttal testimony of Alan Bax. Objections? Admitted. Kim Cox, rebuttal. Any objections? Admitted. Amy Eichholz's Exhibit 131, rebuttal. Any objections? That'll be admitted. Rebuttal testimony of Sydney Ferguson. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 136, Randall Jennings, rebuttal. Any objections? Admitted. Contessa King, any objections to her rebuttal testimony? Admitted. Rebuttal testimony of

Krishna Poudel. Any objections? That'll be admitted.

Rebuttal testimony of Keith Majors. Any objections? That will be admitted. Rebuttal testimony of Matthew Young. Any objections? Admitted.

(Exhibits were received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: Sorry, Judge, just one second. Would you mind going back to 134? It should have been the rebuttal testimony of Stacey Henderson.

JUDGE CLARK: Did I not call that?

MS. JOHNSON: I didn't hear it.

JUDGE CLARK: Any objection to the rebuttal testimony of Stacy Henderson, Exhibit 134? Hearing none, that'll be admitted.

(Exhibit 134 was received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: And then the rebuttal testimony of Sean Lange, 139. I may have missed you admitting this earlier.

JUDGE CLARK: I have down that it was admitted, but any objections to admitting Exhibit 139 Lange rebuttal? No objections. That'll be admitted. And then I believe the last one I have is Staff's corrected accounting schedule rebuttal. Oh, no, I've got whole other pages, I'm sorry.

(Exhibit 139 was received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: Yeah, so I just want to confirm

141, the rebuttal of Keith Majors.

JUDGE CLARK: That was admitted.

MS. JOHNSON: And 144, rebuttal Stahlman.

JUDGE CLARK: Haven't got that yet. Is rebuttal testimony of Michael Stahlman, Exhibit 144, any objections? Admitted. The accounting schedules rebuttal. Any objections? Admitted.

(Exhibit 144 was received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: I've also have 145, the rebuttal testimony of Seoung Joun Won.

JUDGE CLARK: I have that admitted.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Exhibit 149, Nathan Bailey, surrebuttal, true-up direct. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 152, Sydney Ferguson, surrebuttal, true-up direct. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 154, surrebuttal testimony of Stacey Henderson. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 155, surrebuttal testimony of Randall Jennings. Admitted. Well, any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 156, the surrebuttal, true-up direct testimony of Brooke Mastrogiannis, public and confidential. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 159, the true-up direct testimony of Hari Poudel. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 61, the surrebuttal testimony of Krishna Poudel. Any objections?

(Exhibits 149, 152, 154, 155, 156, 159 were received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: I actually, I have a different number so I want to make sure I've got 160 as the surrebuttal for Krishna Poudel.

JUDGE CLARK: Correct.

MS. JOHNSON: 161 -- I'm sorry, I thought you said 161.

JUDGE CLARK: Possible. 160, the surrebuttal testimony of Krishna Poudel. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 161, the true-up direct testimony of Amanda Rucker. Any objections? Admitted.

(Exhibits 160, 161 were received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: On that page, Judge, 151, the surrebuttal, true-up direct testimony of Kim Cox.

JUDGE CLARK: I have that as admitted. Exhibit 163, the true-up direct testimony of Michael Stahlman. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 164, the surrebuttal, true-up direct testimony of Justin Teevy. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 166, the true-up rebuttal, direct testimony of Matthew Young. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 168, the surrebuttal, true-up direct testimony of Keith Majors. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 169, Staff accounting schedules true-

up. Any objections? Admitted.

Exhibit 171, the rebuttal testimony of Nathan Bailey, CPA. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 172. The true-up rebuttal testimony of Keith Majors. Any objections? That is admitted. Exhibit 173, the true-up rebuttal testimony of Amanda Rucker. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 175, the true-up rebuttal testimony of Matthew Young. Any objections? Admitted. Exhibit 176, the staff accounting schedules revised true-up rebuttal. Any objections? Admitted. And that's all I have.

And I believe there are some tandem ones that you had both in the on the record and this one that you wanted? All the parties had something they wanted.

(Exhibits 163, 164, 166, 168, 169, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176 were received into evidence.)

MS. JOHNSON: So we have from the on the record, we have Staff Exhibit 1, 2 and 3. Do they need to be numbered and entered here as well?

JUDGE CLARK: Sorry, hold on. I'm just trying to think through this.

MS. JOHNSON: Sure.

JUDGE CLARK: I'm kind of on the up in the air on this because we kind of just did testimony on issues in that, so. But I would like to break them out and have them separately. I want to start with Evergy. Did you

want your Exhibit 1 to stay in the on the record or you want it in the -- rate the evidentiary hearing as well.

MS. WHIPPLE : I don't believe there should be an evidentiary distinction between the two proceedings, but to the extent there is, then we definitely would like them in both.

JUDGE CLARK: And that's kind of how I feel too. I feel like, yes, it is a separate proceeding as we did it, but it's all in evidence in this case at this point. So if nobody thinks it's necessary, then I'll just assume that it's in the evidentiary record of the case. Any objections to that? Okay, then there's no need to double port those.

MS. JOHNSON: Could I clarify a couple pieces of testimony once, 165 and 174 for Staff were both admitted?

JUDGE CLARK: That's what cleanups for. You said 165?

MS. JOHNSON: 165, yes.

JUDGE CLARK: Yes, I have that as being admitted. Wang's surrebuttal, true-up direct.

MS. JOHNSON: And then also for Dr. Wang, 174.

JUDGE CLARK: I have that as being admitted. I believe both of those were admitted in cleanup.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. We also have the

demonstratives of 4 and 5 from the evidentiary hearing -- or excuse me, from the on the record. If those were recognized as demonstratives during the on the record and there's no distinct difference, nothing else is needed here, correct?

JUDGE CLARK: That's correct.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

JUDGE CLARK: Okay.

MR. PRINGLE: And one further thing to had to do with a confidentiality designation on one of staff's exhibits. During the on the record, I believe it would have been staff Exhibit 2, the FAC, calculation for the LLPS objection. That's actually a public document, not highly confidential.

JUDGE CLARK: Is that the non-case filing? Is that what are we talking about?

MR. PRINGLE: No, that's from the attachments to the LLPS objection. There was an A and a B and we gave them two and three. The one that deal with the FAC --

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I see if it's kind of a suggestions?

MR. PRINGLE: Yes, the FAC one that is public. It is not actually any customer-specific information in there. But then the other one with the three tables,

that is still highly confidential.

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, I remember A was not and B is.

MR. PRINGLE: Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: So --

MR. PRINGLE: I think I may mistakenly said that A was also highly -- the one that was not highly confidential was at some point. Just wanted to clear that one up.

JUDGE CLARK: No, I've got that as highly confidential. And I have down that Initial briefs are due November 6th and that responsive briefs or reply briefs are due November 18th. Is that correct? Thanks. If you got your order in front of me, when did I order transcripts expedited to? Okay, is JUDGE CLARK reporter present?

THE REPORTER: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

JUDGE CLARK: I can. Can we get the transcripts on these proceedings expedited to October 23rd?

THE REPORTER: Yes. That actually might be within our normal parameters. That's 10 days from now, so. But yes, I will --

JUDGE CLARK: Yeah, 10 business days that would be.

THE REPORTER: Yes.

JUDGE CLARK: I just want to be sure that they are available by that 23rd date.

THE REPORTER: I will put that down.

JUDGE CLARK: And that would be -- that wouldn't just be for today. That would be for the previous five days of the hearing as well.

THE REPORTER: Okay, sir, I was not here the previous five days. That was someone else. But --

JUDGE CLARK: I know you weren't. It was a different court reporter, Ms. Wilson. But I was just letting you know that we were going to want all of those expedited. But I can have my paralegal contact your company, okay?

THE REPORTER: Okay.

JUDGE CLARK: Thank you. Is there anything else I need to take up or that the Commission needs to take up at this time? I hear nothing.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Judge, thank you to the commission for holding the hearings. Appreciate it.

JUDGE CLARK: Well, thank you all for showing up. I wish they would stop messing with the temperature in here. Ending these things is always awkward because it's unlike any other proceeding in that there's no closing. We just kind of, "All right, goodbye." So,

anyway, I'd like to thank you all for being here. It's been a long hearing and I've appreciated everybody's assistance with it. And with that, we will adjourn this evidentiary hearing and go off the record.

(Proceedings concluded at 4:52 p.m.)

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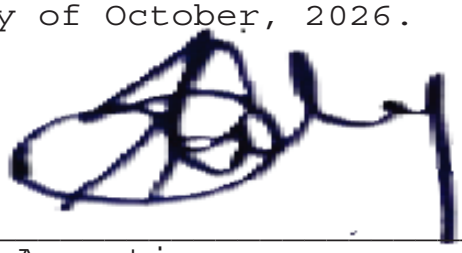
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