

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri Metro’s Request for Authority) **Case No. ER-2022-0129**
to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric)
Service)

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West’s Request for Authorization to) **Case No. ER-2022-0130**
Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric)
Service)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT EVERGY METRO AND
EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S PROPOSED TARIFF SHEETS RIDER
AND MOTION TO OPEN A NEW DOCKET**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, states for its *Staff Recommendation to Reject Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West’s Proposed Tariff Sheets Rider and Motion to Open a New Docket* states as follows:

1. On May 19 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro submitted revised tariff sheet 39A in Tariff Tracking No. YE-2023-0206 and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West submitted revised tariff sheet 109.1 in YE-2023-0208, each bearing an issue date of May 19, 2023, with an effective date of June 19, 2023. Evergy associated these tariff submissions with the recently -concluded rate cases, Case Nos. ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130. There was no accompanying testimony supporting or explaining the changes.

2. On May 22, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Responses*, setting June 1, 2023 as the deadline for responses to the tariff sheets.

3. Given the increase requested in the Solar Subscriber charges, and that the solar facility has not been declared in service, nor undergone a construction audit, Staff

recommends the Commission reject the tariff sheets, and open a new EO docket in which Staff has time to further audit the costs and evaluate the in-service criteria to provide a recommendation from which the Commission can make a determination if the facility is used and useful, and associated costs were prudently incurred, and if the proposed rates are calculated appropriately. Staff believes it can provide its finding within approximately 45 days.

4. Staff is also of the belief that the appropriate rate plan for participants in the Solar Subscriber program may be at issue, which further supports rejection of the current proposed tariff sheets. Staff believes the EO docket would also be an appropriate place to determine the appropriate charges, and associated tariff language needed to effectuate those charges for each rate plan.

5. Attached as Appendix A is Staff's *Memorandum*, which provides further support for why rejecting the tariff sheets and opening a new docket is appropriate in these circumstances. The *Memorandum* also outlines information the Commission should require Evergy to file in a new docket to supports Evergy's requests.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission reject the proposed tariff sheets, order a new docket to be filed, and for Evergy to provide the requested information in such docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 1st day of June, 2023.

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