BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Staff Assisted Rate) File No. HR-2023-0198 Case of Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc.)

NOTICE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and states the following:

1. On December 16, 2022, Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc. ("Vicinity") initiated a rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in which it requested an increase of no more than \$1.00 for non-fuel related expenses. This is a "Staff Assisted Rate Case" and is governed by 20 CSR 4240-10.075.

2. 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6) states that "a local public hearing shall be scheduled no later than sixty (60) days after the opening of the case unless staff files a notice in the case stating that all parties agree a local public hearing is not necessary."

3. Staff has contacted both Vicinity and the Office of Public Counsel, and all parties agree that a local public hearing is not necessary in this case.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Notice* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the parties and/or their counsel of record by U.S. Postal Service postage prepaid, or by hand, or served electronically, on this 10th day of January 2023.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>