BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)) and the Company's Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism

File No. ER-2022-0025 Tariff No. JE-2022-0024

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro" or the "Company"), by and through counsel, and for its Response To the Order Rejecting Tariff To Change Fuel Adjustment Rate issued on September 15, 2021 states as follows:

I. JOINT MOTION TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

1. On September 15, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Rejecting Tariff To Change Fuel Adjustment Clause, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference on September 27, 2021, and ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by September 30, 2021.

2. On September 27, 2021, Evergy, Commission Staff, Office of the Public Counsel and Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG")(collectively referred to as "Parties")¹ attended a prehearing conference convened by the Commission. Following the conclusion of the prehearing conference, the Parties agreed to propose the following procedural schedule:

October 12, 2021—Rebuttal Testimony by Staff, Public Counsel and Intervenors; October 18, 2021—Simultaneous filing of pleadings addressing the following legal issue:

¹ The following entities were automatically made "parties" to this file as a result of a previous Commission order allowing intervenors in the Company's last rate case to be made parties in FAC proceedings without the need to intervene: Renew Missouri, Missouri Joint Energy Utility Commission, Department of Natural Resources-Division of Energy, Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, and Advanced Energy Management Alliance. None of these entities appeared at the prehearing conference held on September 27, 2021.

Does 4 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(A)2.A.XI allow the deferral of extraordinary revenues?

November 1, 2021—Responsive pleadings to respond to the initial pleadings filed on October 18, 2021;

November 1, 2021—Surrebuttal/Cross Surrebuttal Testimony;

November 8, 2021-- List of Issues, Order of Opening Statements, Witnesses and Cross-Examination;

November 15, 2021—Position Statements;

November 18, 2021—Evidentiary Hearing;

December 15, 2021—Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs filed by all parties;

December 29, 2021—Reply Briefs.

3. The Parties have also agreed that data requests will be responded to within seven

(7) calendar days of issuance. Objections to data requests will be submitted within three (3) business days of issuance.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro on behalf of itself, the Commission Staff, Office of the Public Counsel and Midwest Energy Consumers Group requests the Commission to adopt the above-described procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR EVERGY MISSOURI METRO

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing pleading was emailed on this 4th day of October 2021, to all counsel of record in this proceeding.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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