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 MOTION TO FILE OUT OF TIME

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro" or the "Company"), by and through counsel, and for its Motion To File Out Of Time its Response To Order Directing Filing, states as follows:

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 and file a procedural schedule which is contained in Evergy's Response To Order Directing Filing.

3. Evergy inadvertently failed to file the Response To Order Directing Filing due to an internal miscommunication of the undersigned counsel with Evergy's administrative staff.

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.

Therefore, Evergy respectfully requests that it be permitted to file its Response To Order Directing Filing two business days out of time.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro requests the Commission permit it to file its Response To Order Directing Filing two business day out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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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/ James M. Fischer

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