

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Approval of a) **Case No. ET-2021-0151**
Transportation Electrification Portfolio)

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri)
West Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for) **Case No. ET-2021-0269**
Approval of a Transportation Electrification Portfolio)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CONSOLIDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* states:

1. On February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, “Evergy”) applied for approval of a portfolio of transportation electrification programs, variance of Commission rules, authority to defer program costs to a regulatory asset and a finding on the prudence of expansion of its “Clean Charge Network.”
2. On February 25, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Setting Deadlines for Intervention Applications and Staff’s Recommendation, which directed Staff to file a recommendation or status report no later than March 29, 2021.
3. On March 29, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation to reject the application and tariff sheets.
4. On March 30, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing on Consolidation, directing Staff to file a recommendation on consolidation of the Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West cases, by April 7, 2021.

5. Staff recommends the cases be consolidated to promote administrative efficiency as well as consistency between Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West.

6. Under the Commission's Rules, cases may be consolidated if they involve related questions of law or fact.¹

7. The applications are requesting similar tariffs and programs, which will involve substantially similar questions of fact and law. Most of the variation between the two applications comes in the form of varying budgets for the similar programs, which is an easily manageable deviation that would not complicate or hinder consolidation.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accepts its recommendation, orders consolidation of the two cases, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 7th day of April 2021, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Nicole Mers