

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
West for a Financing Order Authorizing the) **File No. EF-2022-0155**
Financing of Extraordinary Storm Costs)
Through an Issuance of Securitized Utility)
Tariff Bonds)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits the following Request for Extension in this matter. In support hereof, Staff states as follows:

1. On March 14, 2022, the Commission issued an *Order Giving Notice, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, and Directing a Proposed Procedural Schedule* (the “Order”) in this case. The Order directed the parties to submit a joint proposed procedural schedule in this case no later than April 11, 2022.

2. The parties have been in communication regarding a proposed procedural schedule for this case. However, due to scheduling conflicts, including the pending Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) and Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) general rate increase cases pending before the Commission as Case Nos. ER-2022-0130 and ER-2022-0129¹, respectively, the parties have not yet come to an agreement regarding a procedural schedule proposal for this case. Most, if not all, of the parties to this case are also parties in those rate cases, and numerous witnesses and attorneys are involved in all three cases.

¹ In each of those cases, Staff/Intervenor revenue requirement direct testimony is due June 8, 2022 and Staff/Intervenor rate design direct testimony is due June 22, 2022. In addition, in those cases, rebuttal testimony is due July 13; surrebuttal/true-up direct testimony is due August 16; List of issues, etc. is due August 17; Position statements are due August 19; true-up rebuttal is due August 25; the Hearing is scheduled for August 29 – September 9; and initial and reply/true-up briefs are due October 7 and 17, 2022.

3. Staff therefore requests that the Commission grant an extension for the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule in this case to no later than April 15, 2022. This will allow the parties additional time for discussions, and hopefully enable the parties to arrive at a mutually satisfactory procedural schedule proposal.

4. The undersigned Staff counsel has been advised that Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West; the Office of the Public Counsel; the Midwest Energy Consumers Group; Velvet Tech Services, LLC; Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC; and Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers have no objection to the extension requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order granting an extension for the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule in this case to no later than April 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System on this 11th day of April 2022.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil