BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Kevin Kojeski,

Complainant, Vs.

File No. EC-2023-0334

Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West,

Respondent

STAFF'S MOTION FOR DEADLINE EXTENSION

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through its undersigned attorney, and prays the Commission's order extending the deadline for its Report and Recommendation, stating further:

On March 30, 2023¹, Kevin Kojeski (Complainant) filed a complaint against Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (Evergy). On that day the Commission issued its Order giving Notice of Case Filing, Directing an Answer, and Directing a Staff Investigation. Therein the Commission stated that the case would proceed under small complaint procedures and deadlines, ordered Evergy to answer the complaint within 30 days, and ordered Staff to investigate and file a report and recommendation no later than May 15.

Staff asks for a 30-day extension of the deadline to June 15 due to a problem with data requests which Staff propounded upon Evergy's attorney but did not send to Evergy's regulatory affairs address. Staff and Evergy have now clarified and rectified the DR issue, but more time will be required for Evergy to respond to the DRs, and Staff is

¹ All date references will be to 2023 unless otherwise indicated.

not able to provide the Commission with a report and recommendation by May 15. Staff has communicated its need for an extension to the parties. Evergy and the Office of Public Counsel have expressly stated they have no objection. Staff has received no objection from the Complainant. Staff believes that the foregoing circumstances amount to good cause for extending the deadline for its report and recommendation and asks the Commission to grant same.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Staff respectfully prays the Commission's Order extending the deadline for Staff's report and recommendation to June 15, 2023, and for such other and further orders as the Commission deems necessary and appropriate.

Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned by his signature below certifies that the foregoing pleading was served upon all counsel of record on this May 15, 2023, by filing same in EFIS.

<u>isi Paul T. Graham</u>