BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri Metro and)	
Evergy Missouri West's Notice of Intent to)	
File Applications for Authority to Establish a)	File No. EO-2019-0132
Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism	ĺ	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its Motion for Extension in regards to a procedural schedule for Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Metro") and Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("West"), (collectively, "Evergy") proposed extension of its MEEIA 2020-2022 Plan through December 31, 2023, respectfully states:

- 1. On January 31, 2022, Evergy filed an application to modify its Demand-Side Management and Portfolio Plan for its MEEIA 2020-2022 Plan in order to extend the plan an additional year, through December 31, 2023.
- 2. On February 25, 2022, Staff filed a timely objection to Evergy's application. Subsequently, the Commission issued, on February 28, 2022, its *Order Directing the Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule*, directing Staff to file a procedural schedule by March 17, 2022. This date was subsequently suspended to March 24 in the Commission's March 17, 2022, *Order Granting Staff's Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule*, again on March 24, 2022, in the Commission's *Second Order Granting Staff's Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule* which suspended the date until April 7, and then once more on April 11, 2022, in the Commission's *Third Order Granting Staff's Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Proposed Procedural Schedule* which suspended the date until April 21.

- 3. Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), Missouri Energy Consumers Group (MECG) and Evergy have spent the last weeks in settlement negotiations. Parties are cautiously optimistic that a settlement on all issues can be reached. Staff respectfully requests a one week extension, to April 28th, to finalize a settlement agreement, or a procedural schedule if a final settlement cannot be reached.
- 4. Staff has consulted with OPC, MECG, and Evergy, who do not oppose the request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests an extension until April 28, 2022 for parties to file a procedural schedule or a settlement agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 21st day of April, 2022.

/s/ Nicole Mers