BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Every Missouri Metro and Every Missouri West's Notice of Intent to File Applications for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism

File No. EO-2019-0132

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF UPDATE TO EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S EVALUATION MEASUREMENT & VERIFICATION PLANS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its recommendation respectfully states:

1. On February 2, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively "Evergy") filed an *Application to Update MEEIA Cycle 3 Evaluation, Measurement and Verification Plans* ("Application").

2. Also on February 2, 2021, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than February 12, 2021.

3. Prior to filing its Application, Evergy notes that it discussed the updates to its Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification plans ("EM&V plans") with the Missouri Stakeholder group, and it expressed no concerns. Evergy also provided the updated plans to Staff on January 29, 2021. Evergy states that Staff supports the revisions to the updated EM&V plans.

4. Staff agrees with Evergy's statement that Staff supports the revisions to the updated EM&V plans, and thus recommends that the Commission issue an order approving Evergy's updated MEEIA Cycle 3 EM&V plans.

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WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order approving the updated MEEIA Cycle 3 EM&V plans, and to grant any such other and further relief as is just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>

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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 parties and/or counsels of record on this 8th day of February, 2021.

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRAD J. FORTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW Brad J. Fortson, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation for Approval of Update to Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West's Evaluation Measurement & Verification Plans;* and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

<u>/s/ Brad J. Fortson</u> Brad J. Fortson