

**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 and)	
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)	<u>File No. EU-2021-0283</u>
Missouri West for an Accounting Authority)	
Order Allowing the Companies to Record)	
and Preserve Costs Related to the February)	
2021 Cold Weather Event)	

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report* in this matter states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro, and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri Metro” or “Evergy Missouri West”, or collectively “Evergy”), filed an *Application of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West for Accounting Authority Order Related to Winter Storm Uri and Costs and Financial Impacts*, requesting an accounting authority order related to Winter Storm Uri.

2. On July 22, 2021, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation in the above-captioned matter by September 23, 2021.

3. The *Staff Recommendation* was filed on September 23, 2021, followed by Evergy’s Response, filed on October 7, 2021.

4. On March 22, 2022, the Commission entered an *Order*, directing the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule by April 15, 2022.

5. After granting the Staff’s *Motion to Suspend Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule*, filed on April 12, 2022, the Commission entered an *Order* on April 13, 2022, suspending the procedural schedule.

6. The issues surrounding the requested Accounting Authority Order remain but do not need to be resolved by the Commission due to the Commission's order approving Evergy Missouri West's securitization petition, File No. EF-2022-0155, which was appealed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, by the Office of the Public Counsel on November 17, 2022, and is now pending oral argument in September 2023.¹ Until that appeal is final, this docket should continue to be held in abeyance.

7. Counsel for Evergy, Midwest Energy Consumers Group, and the Office of the Public Counsel have been contacted regarding this filing, and they have indicated their concurrence with this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ *In Re the Application of Evergy Missouri West d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for a Financing Order Authorizing the Financing of Extraordinary Storm Costs Through an Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds, Missouri PSC, and Evergy Missouri West v. Office of Public Counsel*, Mo. App., Case No. WD 85958.

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 21st day of July, 2023, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr