

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West)
and the City of Higginsville for Approval of a) **File No. EO-2021-0388**
Written Territorial Agreement Designating the)
Boundaries of each Electric Service Supplier in)
Portions of Lafayette County, Missouri.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* that the Commission approve the *Second Amended Joint Application*, states as follows:

1. On May 5, 2021, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy”) and the City of Higginsville, Missouri (“Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Application for Approval of Territorial Agreement (“Joint Application”).
2. Staff reviewed the Joint Application and issued data requests, and filed a Motion for Extension with the Commission on June 16, 2021, stating that Staff needed additional time to continue its review, determine if follow up or discovery was needed, and ultimately make an informed recommendation on the Joint Application to the Commission. Staff requested the Commission extend the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation on the Joint Application to no later than July 20, 2021. The Commission granted Staff’s request in an order issued on June 28, 2021.
3. The Joint Applicants filed an Amended Joint Application on June 29, 2021, and a Second Amended Joint Application on July 16, 2021.
4. Staff submits its Staff Recommendation and attached memorandum, which it incorporates herein, and recommends the Commission approve the *Second Amended*

Joint Application (and associated territorial agreement). Approval of the territorial agreement, as discussed more fully in the attached memorandum, will allow both Evergy and the City of Higginsville to more efficiently and effectively use their existing facilities in the applicable area and thereby limit duplicative facilities.

5. In addition, if the Commission determines that the *Second Amended Joint Application* and associated territorial agreement should be approved, Staff recommends that the Commission order Evergy to file revised tariff sheets with the Commission as required by 20 CSR 4240-3.130(1) and (2).¹

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *Staff Recommendation* and attached memorandum, and requests the Commission issue an order that is consistent with Staff's recommendations stated therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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¹ 20 CSR 4240-3.130(2) provides that "All required information shall be furnished prior to the granting of the authority sought."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsels of record this 20th day of July, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers