BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the First Prudence Review of) the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act) (MEEIA) Cycle 3 Energy Efficiency Programs) and Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects of Evergy) Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)

File No. EO-2021-0XXX

STAFF'S NOTICE OF START OF FIRST MEEIA PRUDENCE REVIEW OF CYCLE 3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AND CYCLE 2 LONG-LEAD PROJECTS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Notice of Start of First MEEIA Prudence Review of Cycle 3 Energy Efficiency Programs and Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), f/k/a Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L), respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.093(11), authorized under § 393.1075.3 and § 393.1075.11, RSMo., provides that "[a] prudence review shall be conducted no less frequently than at twenty-four (24) month intervals." Evergy Missouri Metro's Energy Efficiency Investment Charge tariff contains similar language concerning prudence reviews.¹

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(11), in part, requires the Staff to file notice within ten (10) days of starting its prudence review. It also establishes the following schedule by which certain events are to take place based on the date the Staff starts its prudence review:

¹ Evergy Missouri Metro Tariff P.S.C. MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 49X.

Time from start of Staff prudence review to event	<u>Event</u>
Within 150 days (11/1/21)	Submission of Staff Recommendation to Commission regarding Staff's examination and analysis
Within 160 days (11/11/21)	Request for hearing
Within 210 days (12/31/21)	Commission Order, if no hearing requested

3. This is Staff's first prudence review of the costs associated with Evergy Missouri Metro's Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanisms (DSIM) for its Cycle 3 energy efficiency programs and Cycle 2 long-lead projects. Staff's first prudence review will examine Evergy Missouri Metro's Cycle 3 DSIM for the period January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. In accordance with the rule, Staff plans to file its recommendation to the Commission regarding its examination and analyses in this case no later than November 1, 2021.

4. The Staff's Energy Resources Department is primarily responsible for conducting the prudence review and may change its examination approach during this review, and in future prudence reviews as well, based on the particular circumstances existing at the time of the review.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission hereby provides notice that it started its first MEEIA prudence review of the costs associated with Evergy Missouri Metro's Cycle 3 energy efficiency programs and Cycle 2 long-lead projects on June 3, 2021 and intends to file its recommendation regarding the Staff's examination and analyses in this case no later than November 1, 2021.

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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 4th day of June, 2021.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>