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

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for Authority to Encumber Assets

File No. EF-2022-0103

## EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED ORDER ON UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AND SAME DAY EFFECTIVE DATE

COMES NOW, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW" or "Company") and, for its *Motion for Expedited Treatment* ("Motion"), states as follows:

1. On November 21, 2021, EMW submitted its application to encumber assets and requested a Commission order by February 14, 2022 authorizing the Company to encumber existing and future property with a mortgage indenture so that the Company could access the capital markets for the issuance of secured debt on or about March 1, 2022.

2. On February 10, 2022, the parties to this docket submitted a Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation"). The Signatories requested that the Commission issue an order, subject to the conditions and other agreements and representations contained in the Stipulation, granting approval for EMW to establish a first mortgage lien on all of EMW's existing and future assets, pursuant to EMW's mortgage indenture as security for the issuance, in one or more series from time to time of first mortgage bonds.

3. The Company requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Stipulation at its February 17, 2022 agenda meeting. In addition, the Company requests that any order approving the Stipulation be effective on the day it is issued.

4. The Company's request is based on the current rising interest rate environment and EMW's desire to enter the market as soon as possible. The Company also needs lead time to put the mortgage in place and well as to communicate with existing unsecured debt holders in order to collateralize the existing debt before the market can be accessed.

**WHEREFORE**, EMW respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve forthwith the *Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* filed on February 10, 2022 between EMW, Staff for the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel on an expedited basis with an effective date the same as the approving order's issue date.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing was hand delivered, emailed, or mailed by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 to all parties of record on the service list maintained by the Commission for this case.

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