

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of                    )  
of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri            )  
Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a            ) File No. ET-2020-0133  
Evergy Missouri West for a Variance from the        )  
Commission’s Billing and Payment Standards        )

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO’S AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S  
RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, the “Company”) and file this response to the Recommendation (“Recommendation”) filed by the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in this docket on February 26, 2020.

1. On November 12, 2019 the Company filed a request for a variance from the Commission’s billing and payment rules for bills sent to customers on time-of-use rates (“TOU”).
2. On February 26, 2020, the Staff filed its Recommendation indicating that the Commission should reject the requested variance.
3. The Company and Staff have been in discussions regarding the variance for several months and these discussions are continuing. Instead of issuing an order setting a prehearing conference, the Company suggests the Commission allow the settlement discussions to continue. The Company will file periodic reports updating the Commission on the status of the negotiations. Should the Staff and Company be unable to come to an agreement, the Company will make the Commission aware.
4. Staff does not oppose the above request.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West make the Commission aware of the ongoing settlement discussions in this docket and request that no order setting a prehearing conference be issued at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Roger W. Steiner*

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**ATTORNEYS FOR EVERGY  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been emailed to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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