

**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 Missouri West for an) **File No. EU-2021-0283**
Accounting Authority Order Allowing the Companies)
to Record and Preserve Costs Related to the)
February 2021 Cold Weather Event)

PROPOSED DUE DATE FOR STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and states as follows.

1. On March 9, 2021 Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) filed a *Notice of Intended Case Filing* pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. On June 30, 2021 Evergy filed its *Application of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West for Accounting Authority Order Related to Winter Storm Uri and Costs and Financial Impacts*. Evergy requests a Commission order allowing it to track and defer as a regulatory asset or a regulatory liability, as appropriate, its expenses related to the February 2021 cold weather event. Evergy also requests an order by December 15, 2021 in order to assist it in preparing its 2021 financial statements.

3. On July 2, 2021 the Commission ordered, among other things, for Staff to state, by July 23, 2021, when it can file its recommendation.

4. On July 14, 2021 the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a motion to dismiss Evergy’s application.

5. Evergy has not addressed OPC's motion. Staff anticipates possibly having to submit two sets of data requests to Evergy. Evergy will have twenty days to respond to each set of data requests. Based on its experience in prior similar cases, Staff proposes to submit its recommendation by September 23, 2021. Staff believes this will provide it sufficient time to complete discovery and draft its recommendation, as well as give the Commission the opportunity to resolve this matter by December 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing has been emailed to counsel of record on this 20th day of July, 2021.

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