BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Approval of the Accrual and Funding of Wolf Creek Generating Station Decommissioning Costs at Current Levels

File No. EO-2021-0056

STAFF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through Staff Counsel's Office, files this request for an additional 35 days, until January 8, 2021, to file either its Staff Recommendation or a Stipulation and Agreement with Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (Evergy). In support, Staff states the following:

1. On September 1, 2020, Evergy filed its Application for Approval of the Accrual and Funding of Wolf Creek Generating Station Decommissioning Costs at current levels.

2. On September 2, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff to File a Recommendation no later than December 4, 2020. That Order further stated that Staff may request additional time if it unable to offer its recommendation by that date.

3. Staff and Evergy are presently discussing a potential Stipulation and Agreement to resolve this matter. Evergy has responded to Staff's Data Requests, and the parties have engaged in productive conversations regarding Evergy's Application. However, Staff is still engaged in technical analysis of several aspects of Evergy's Application.

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4. Staff requests an additional 35 days in which to complete its analysis and file either a Staff Recommendation or a Stipulation and Agreement, and that the Commission issue an Order granting the Staff until January 8, 2021, to file either a Staff Recommendation or a Stipulation and Agreement.

5. This request is not made to unduly delay or inconvenience the parties or the Commission.

6. Staff has communicated its intent to file this request with Evergy, and Evergy has indicated it does not object.

7. Staff will endeavor to file a Staff Recommendation or Stipulation and Agreement earlier than January 8, 2021, to the extent possible.

WHEREFORE, the Staff files this request for additional time until January 8, 2021, to file a Staff Recommendation or Stipulation and Agreement regarding Evergy's Application for Approval of the Accrual and Funding of Wolf Creek Generating Station Decommissioning Costs, and for such other and further relief the Commission deems just.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>/s/ Curt Stokes</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 4th day of December, 2020, to all parties and/or counsels of record.

<u>/s/ Curt Stokes</u>