

**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) File No. EF-2020-0301
For Authority to Issue Debt Securities.)

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO’S RESPONSE
TO STAFF MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro” or “the Company”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) *Order Directing Responses to Request for Extension of Time* (“Order”) issued in this docket on April 24, 2020, the Company respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 23, 2020 Staff for the Commission (“Staff”) filed a *Motion for Extension of Time* (“Staff Request”) in which Staff requested an extension of the initial April 23, 2020 deadline set by the Commission, to and including May 1, 2020.

2. Evergy Missouri Metro has reviewed the Staff’s Request and accepts an extended deadline of May 1, 2020. By moving the deadline to this date, the Company should have an adequate, albeit narrow, window to make its financing. However, the Company believes that it has already provided sufficient support for approval and has already agreed upfront to Staff’s standard conditions. The Company is concerned that this delay could jeopardize its ability to effectively manage liquidity considerations during the unprecedented and continuing pandemic.

3. An order effective date of May 16 means that there are only five business days to complete the financing before the end of the month due to activities related to the Memorial Day holiday. The Company could complete its issuance in June but believes the flexibility of a May issuance is important in order to allow the Company to take advantage of any favorable window in the capital market that could close quickly. This is why the Company requested an earlier order

date so that it could manage its business by making its request at the earliest possible time and seeking the maximum opportunity to complete the financing on the most favorable terms for its customers while making its best assessment with available information of liquidity needs during unprecedented market uncertainty. The Company has endeavored to provide Staff with the information it needs even though much of the Company's first quarter financial information has not been finalized.

WHEREFORE, the Company submits its response pursuant to the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR EVERGY MISSOURI
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 27th day of April 2020, to counsel of record for all parties.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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