BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filings of Evergy)	
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)	File No. ET-2023-0290
And Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a	Tracking Nos. JE-2023-0161 and
Evergy Missouri West	JE-2023-0162

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("EMM") and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW") (collectively, the "Company"), by and through their counsel and, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Order Directing Filing* ("Order") issued in the above-captioned docket on April 3, 2023, state as follows:

- 1. On March 31, 2023, Velvet Tech Service, LLC ("Velvet") filed a *Motion for Reconsideration and Motion to Expedite* ("Motion"). The Company supports Velvet's Motion.
- 2. The Company was surprised at Staff's ("Staff") *Motion to Suspend Tariffs and Motion for Expedited Treatment*, as the Company had worked directly with Staff in the weeks preceding the filing and believed it had all tariff issues resolved. The Company is supportive of the Velvet Motion and believes it can discuss these newly raised issues with Staff and agree on a new tariff version available for Commission consideration and approval by May 1, 2023. This would allow the Commission to act by the Velvet requested date of May 15, 2023 and ensure that customers like Velvet can take service under it.

WHEREFORE, EMM and EMW submit their Response to the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon counsel for all parties on this 13th day of April 2023, by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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