

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri Metro’s 2023 Integrated) **File No. EO-2023-0212**
Resource Plan Annual Update Filing)

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West,)
Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West’s 2023) **File No. EO-2023-0213**
Integrated Resource Plan Annual Update)
Filing)

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and states the following:

1. On January 4, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy” or the “Companies”), filed its *Motion for Variance to Extend Time to File Resource Plans* (“Motion”) asking the Missouri Public Service Commission to grant the Companies a variance from 20 CSR 4240 Chapter 22. Evergy wants to postpone their next annual resource plan update filing from March 2023 to June 15, 2023.

2. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-22.080(13) provides:

(13) Upon written application made at least twelve (12) months prior to a triennial compliance filing, and after notice and an opportunity for hearing, the commission may waive or grant a variance from a provision of 4 CSR 240-22.030-4 CSR 240-22.080 [sic] for good cause shown. The commission may grant an application for waiver or variance filed less than twelve (12) months prior to the triennial compliance filing upon a showing of good cause for the delay in filing the application for waiver or variance.

(A) The granting of a variance to one (1) electric utility which waives or otherwise affects the required compliance with a provision of this chapter does not constitute a waiver respecting, or otherwise affect, the required compliance of any other electric utility with a provision of these rules.

(B) The commission will not waive or grant a variance from this chapter in total.

3. 20 CSR 4240-22.080(13) allows the Commission to grant variance requests filed less than twelve (12) months prior to the triennial compliance filing upon a showing of good cause for the delay in filing the application for waiver or variance.

Evergy's request comes approximately two (2) months before its scheduled annual resource plan update filing in March. However, Staff does not oppose Evergy's request for extended time to file due on June 15, 2023.

4. Staff reviewed Evergy's requested variance to 20 CSR 4240-22.080, and has no objection to Evergy being granted a one-time variance from those provisions of 20 CSR 4240 Chapter 22 set forth above for its next annual resource plan update filing on March 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends to the Commission that it grant Evergy a one-time variance from certain provisions of the Commission's Chapter 22 rules as requested in Evergy's request, for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 27th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRAD J. FORTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW BRAD J. FORTSON, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

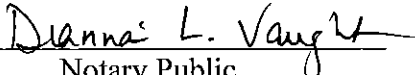
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



BRAD J. FORTSON

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 24th day of January, 2023.



Notary Public

