BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro For Approval of Tariff Revisions)))	<u>Case No. ET-2021-0109</u>
In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for Approval of Tariff Revisions)))	<u>Case No. ET-2021-0110</u>

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* states:

1. On October 8, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Metro") and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy West"), (collectively, "Evergy Missouri") filed applications for approval of tariff revisions, requests for waiver of 60 day notice requirement and motions for expedited treatment with the Commission. Exemplar tariffs were attached to the Evergy Missouri's applications, but compliance tariffs are expected to be filed to coincide with January 18, 2021.

2. On October 9, 2020, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Setting Expedited Deadlines for Intervention and Staff Recommendation.

3. Staff has reviewed the applications, and proposed revisions suggested by the Office of the Public Counsel, as discussed in the attached memorandums.

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4. Staff recommends approval of the applications, except, as noted in the memorandums, the explicit grant of Commission authority to allow non-residential customers to pay with an approved credit or debit card while incurring a third-party vendor transaction fee, which in Staff's view is not necessary. However, Staff does not oppose the requested change. Staff also does not oppose the requested 60 day notice requirement waiver.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission submits its *Staff Recommendation*.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Nicole Mers</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 23rd day of October 2020, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Nicole Mers