

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri )  
Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a )  
Evergy Missouri West for Approval of Tariff )  
Revisions to TOU Program. )

**Case No. ET-2024-0061**

**STAFF STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and in satisfaction of the Commission’s *Order and Notice* of September 11, 2023, states as follows:

1. On September 8, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, Evergy) filed their *Application* requesting four modifications to change its Time-of-Use (“TOU”) Implementation Program tariffs. Specifically, those four requests are:

- (i) Modify the default TOU rate from the high differential 2-period TOU rate [i.e. Standard Peak Saver] to the low differential Peak Adjustment TOU rate [i.e. Peak Reward Saver];
- (ii) Modify the tariffs to allow residential customers to opt-in to the traditional residential rate (i.e. “Anytime Plan”) which has historically been in effect and is proposed to be offered as an option beginning May 1, 2024 rather than being terminated as scheduled under the approved TOU Implementation Program;
- (iii) Restrict rate switching to mitigate adverse revenue impacts by selective switching between the offered tariffs to artificially lower a customer’s annual bill below reasonable cost of service through tariff selection only;

(iv) Revise the estimates of education, outreach and implementation costs consistent with the revisions requested to be approved in the Application.

2. Together with the *Application*, Evergy filed proposed tariffs bearing an effective date of October 8, 2023. However, the *Application* includes a motion for expedited treatment, in which Evergy asks the Commission to approve the tariffs no later than September 29, 2023, because, Evergy states, it is otherwise required to implement the TOU program no later than October 1, 2023.

3. On September 11, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order and Notice*, stating that, in an effort to accommodate Evergy's request for expedited treatment, the Commission will reserve a time for hearing on less than ten days' notice, simultaneously finding that it is in the public interest to set a hearing on less than ten days' notice because of the imminent implementation of the TOU program no later than October 1, 2023; shortening the time for intervention requests to September 14, 2023; and making parties to Evergy's prior rate cases (ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130) parties to this case without the need to request intervention. Additionally, the Commission directed its Staff to file a *Recommendation* on Evergy's four requests, or a status report stating when it expects to file its *Recommendation*, no later than September 13, 2023; and directed that any other responses to the *Application* or to Staff's pleading be filed no later than September 15, 2023. Finally, the Commission directed that, "[i]f needed," a hearing on the tariff shall be held on September 19, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

4. Staff states that while it will file an interim recommendation no later than close of business on Friday, September 15, 2023, a full recommendation can be provided only after contested case proceedings following an ample opportunity for discovery.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays the Commission will accept its *Status Report* and grant such other and further relief as is just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **13th day of September, 2023**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson