

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

In the Matter of the Application of Judith)
Turner-Davis for Change of Electric Supplier)
to Platte-Clay Electrical Cooperative from)
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri West)
File No. EO-2024-0035

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Judith Turner-Davis (“Applicant”) filed an *Application for Change of Electric Service Provider* (“Application”) with the Commission on August 7, 2023, requesting a change of electric supplier from Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri” or “Company”) to Platte-Clay Electrical Cooperative (“Platte-Clay” or “Co-Op”).

2. On August 9, 2023, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Notice and Directing Responses to Application* ordering Staff to file its recommendation, or a report stating when it expects to file a recommendation, no later than September 27, 2023.

3. On September 8, 2023, Evergy Missouri filed its *Response to Application* which states that the Application failed to meet the burden of proof for a change of supplier.

4. On September 10, 2023, Platte-Clay submitted its *Response of Platte-Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Application of Judith Turner-Davis for a Change of Electric Supplier* (“Response”). In its Response, Platte-Clay acknowledged that it serves many locations within the immediate vicinity of the property but would need to build ¼ to ½ mile

of line to serve the property. If ordered by the Commission, the Co-Op is willing and able to serve the property but the Applicant will be required to pay some of the construction cost to serve the property.

5. As discussed in the Staff's Memorandum ("Memorandum"), attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference, Staff is of the opinion that the Application does not meet the minimum standard for public interest for reasons other than a rate differential pursuant to 393.106.2 and 394.315.2, RSMo (2021) and 20 CSR 4240-3.140.

6. For these reasons, as more fully explained in the Staff's Memorandum, Staff recommends that the Commission deny the Application of Judith Turner-Davis for a Change in Electric Service Suppliers.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation that the Commission accept its Memorandum for its information and consideration, and recommends that the Commission deny Ms. Turner-Davis' *Application for Change of Electric Service* and grant such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

/s/ Ron Irving