

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 7th day of
July, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West Request for Waiver) **File No. EE-2022-0071**
of Various Tariffs and Regulations Related)
to Automated Metering Infrastructure)

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Issue Date: July 7, 2022

Effective Date: August 6, 2022

On January 25, 2022, Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc., and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (collectively, "Evergy") filed an application for variances from Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-13.050(9), 13.055(3)(C) and (D), including exemplar tariffs reflecting proposed changes to disconnection and reconnection procedures that would be implemented if the variances are granted. Evergy explains that a waiver of the Commission's rules and Evergy's tariffs would allow Evergy to fully realize its AMI meters' capability to remotely disconnect and reconnect services. Evergy asserts that implementation of remote disconnection and reconnection capabilities would benefit both Evergy and its customers.

On June 17, 2022, Staff recommended that the Commission deny Evergy's application because the premature retirement of AMI meters without remote disconnect capability is at issue in Evergy's current rate cases, ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130. These rate cases were filed before this matter, and a Commission decision on this issue has the potential to affect Evergy's AMI-SD remote meter deployment. More than ten

days have elapsed since Staff filed its recommendation and Evergy has not responded.¹
No other comments were received.

The Commission has reviewed and considered Evergy's application and Staff's recommendation and finds that a decision granting a variance in this case may inappropriately affect issues currently at issue in Evergy's ongoing rate cases. Thus, the Commission will deny Evergy's application at this time. This decision does not prevent Evergy from again requesting appropriate variances after the related issues have been resolved in the rate cases.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc., and Evergy Missouri West, Inc.'s application for variance from Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-13.050(9), 13.055(3)(C) and (D) is denied.
2. This order shall become effective on August 6, 2022.
3. This file shall be closed on August 7, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge

¹ Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days in which to respond to any pleading unless some other time for response is established by the Commission.


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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 7th day of July, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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