BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Evergy)	
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)	
West for a Financing Order Authorizing the)	Case No. EF-2022-0155
Financing of Extraordinary Storm Costs)	
Through an Issuance of Securitized Utility)	
Tariff Bonds.)	

EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West" or "EMW") and submits its *Response* ("Response") to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Order Directing Expedite Tariff Recommendation, Setting Time for Responses, Directing Evergy to Provide a Timeline, and Directing Staff to Update the Commission on the Bond Pre-Issuance Process dated November 17, 2023 ("Order"). In support thereof, Evergy Missouri West states as follows:*

- 1. Ordering Paragraph 3 of the Commission's Order states:
 - 3. Evergy Missouri West must provide the Commission with an estimated timeline of its bond pre-issuance process up to and including an estimated date for the Issuance Advice Letter and the securitized utility tariff bond issuance, no later than November 22, 2023.¹
- 2. Evergy Missouri West confirms that it has reconvened its financial and legal advisors and Commission Staff ("Staff") to refresh documentation required for the tariff bond issuance and associated Issuance Advice Letter. The first meeting with Staff and Missouri Finance Committee to restart the process for the bond issuance is scheduled for November 27, 2023, and is intended to outline the steps required and general timeline. That process is not expected to be completed prior to January 31, 2024. Attached as **Confidential Exhibit A** is a preliminary timeline to issue securitized utility tariff bonds.

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¹ <u>See</u>, *Order*, p. 2.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri West submits this Response to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing was emailed on this 21st day of November 2023 to counsel for all parties.

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EXHIBIT A IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ITS ENTIRETY

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