

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

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

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER ISSUED NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response to the Commission’s November 17, 2023 order (“Order”) respectfully states as follows:

1. In Ordered Paragraphs 4 and 5 the Order states:
  4. Staff must inform the Commission whether Staff’s Finance Team has been able to participate and receive information during the pre-issuance process as ordered in the Commission’s financing order, no later than November 22, 2023.
  5. Staff must inform the Commission of any Staff concerns with the pre-issuance process no later than November 22, 2023.

2. In response to Ordered Paragraph 4, to date the Finance Team has not participated in nor received any information during or concerning Evergy West’s pre-issuance process. Staff does not know if Evergy West has begun the pre-issuance process, or what actions Evergy West has taken, if any, regarding the pre-issuance process, as Staff believed that work on this matter was put on hold pending completion of the appeal of the Commission’s Financing Order. Staff would note that on Monday, November 20, 2023, Staff received an email from Evergy West seeking to arrange a virtual meeting regarding the securitization during the week of November 27, and a meeting has been scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.

3. In response to Ordered Paragraph 5, if Evergy West has not begun the pre-issuance process without including the Finance Team, and if Evergy West is agreeable to a reasonable schedule of events going forward, Staff has no concerns with the pre-issuance process at this time. However, if Evergy West has taken steps as part of the pre-issuance process without including the Finance Team, that would be a serious concern. At this time it is too early to tell what, if any, concerns Staff may have concerning the pre-issuance process. Staff will know more after the meeting on November 27.

**WHEREFORE** Staff submits the foregoing response to Ordered Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Commission's Order issued November 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 22nd day of November 2023.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**