

**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)	<u>File No. EF-2022-0155</u>
Financing of Extraordinary Storm Costs)	Tariff No. JE-2024-0070
Through an Issuance of Securitized Utility)	
Tariff Bonds)	

**STAFF REQUEST FOR ORDER EXTENDING FILING DATE
FOR STAFF TARIFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through the undersigned counsel, and for its request for an order extending the filing date for Staff's tariff recommendation, respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 16, 2023, Evergy Missouri West ("EMW") filed tariff sheets for its planned upcoming issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds. Those tariff sheets had a requested effective date of December 16, 2023.
2. On November 17, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Directing an Expedited Tariff Recommendation, Setting a Time for Responses, Directing Evergy to Provide a Timeline, and Directing Staff to Update the Commission on the Bond Pre-Issuance Process* (the "Order").
3. Given the requested effective date of December 16, 2023, the Order directed Staff "to file an expedited recommendation on the proposed tariff sheets;" specifically, that Staff "file a recommendation about Evergy Missouri West's securitized utility tariff sheets no later than November 29, 2023."
4. Pursuant to discussions with Staff, on November 28, 2023, EMW voluntarily submitted a letter in this docket to "extend the requested effective date [of the subject tariff sheets] an additional thirty (30) days from the originally requested date, to and including January 15, 2024."

5. Given that EMW has voluntarily extended the requested effective date of the proposed tariff sheets an additional thirty (30) days, Staff likewise requests an additional thirty (30) days to file its recommendation concerning the tariff sheets,¹ so that its recommendation would be due December 29, 2023. Staff would note that in the tariff sheets filed by EMW, there are revisions made to the exemplar tariff sheets which the Commission approved as part of its *Amended Report and Order* (the “Financing Order”) issued November 17, 2022; given that the filed sheets contain changes to/from the exemplar sheets, Staff needs additional time to thoroughly review the filed tariff sheets and work with EMW to hopefully resolve any disagreements or misunderstandings regarding the tariff sheets.²

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order extending the filing date for Staff’s tariff recommendation to December 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ According to the Confidential Preliminary Timeline filed herein by EMW on November 21, 2023, **

² Staff would further note that, since the filed tariff sheets deviate from the exemplar tariff sheets the Commission approved in the Financing Order, when the appropriate time comes (not now) it **may** be necessary for the Commission to issue an order approving the sheets rather than allowing them to simply take effect by operation of law.

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 29th day of November 2023.

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