

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

In the Matter of the Application of Trevor King for)
Change of Electric Supplier from Evergy Missouri) **File No. EO-2024-0161**
West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West to Osage Valley)
Electric Cooperative)

STAFF’S REPORT AND REQUEST FOR LIKE TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Report* respectfully states:

1. On November 7, 2023, Trevor King (“Applicant”) filed an application with the Commission requesting a change of electric supplier from Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW” or “Company”) to Osage Valley Electric Cooperative (“Osage Valley” or “Co-op”). The Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the application or a report no later than January 3, 2023.¹

2. Staff reports that it has propounded data requests to Osage Valley who timely responded to its requests. Staff propounded four data requests to EMW that were all due on November 29, 2023. EMW responded on November 29, December 6, and December 14, 2023. Staff reports that it successfully reached Mr. King on December 28, 2023.

3. Staff reports that there are three files involved, namely EO-2024-0161, EO-2024-0166, and EO-2024-0181 (collectively “Applications”). The Applications are similar requests from three neighboring property owners. The three Applications assert common legal questions (supplier change), facts (service area), and requested relief (switch to Osage Valley).

¹ *Order Directing Notice and Directing Responses to Application*

4. According to Evergy's response,² Evergy has worked with the landowners to arrange for power to be extended to their construction sites. Staff acknowledges that the three Applicants are self-represented.

5. For the purposes of Staff's administrative economy and efficiency, Staff would ask that the Commission coordinate Staff's deadlines in this EO-2024-0161 file with the deadlines that the Commission sets in the other two files.³ Staff's recommendations are reviewed by multiple technical and legal staff, and, where subject matter and issues are closely related, as here, making three case memoranda due in the same time frame will ease Staff's review process. Staff would suggest, accordingly, that the Commission set the deadline for Staff recommendation in EO-2024-0161, for February 16, 2024. Staff further states it has no objection to the three files being consolidated.

6. Staff respectfully request the Commission accept *Staff's Report* and grant similar treatment in cases EO-2024-0161, EO-2024-0166, and EO-2024-0181. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission set a deadline of February 16, 2024, for Staff recommendation in EO-2024-0161.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission accepts this status report; grant Staff's requested recommendation deadline for February 16, 2024; grant Staff's request for like treatment in cases EO-2024-0161, EO-2023-0166, and EO-2023-0181; and grant such relief as the Commission deems just under the circumstances.

² Evergy's confidential response is at <https://efis.psc.mo.gov/Document/Display/765124>.

³ Staff's recommendations or, in lieu, its status reports are currently due, respectively, on December 29, 2023 and January 17, 2024, in EO-2024-0166 and EO-2024-0181.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 2nd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff