BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATEOF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Fifth Prudence Review of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro))) <u>Case No. EO-2023-02</u>)))	<u>276</u>
In the Matter of the Eleventh Prudence Review of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West)) <u>Case No. EO-2023-02</u>))	<u>277</u>

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO'S AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S RESPONSE TO STAFF MOTION

Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("EMM") and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW") (collectively, the "Company"), by and through their counsel, submit their *Response* ("Response") to Staff ("Staff") for the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Motion for Severance, For A Continuance, and For Expedited Treatment* ("Motion"), pursuant to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* ("Order") issued February 2, 2024 and, in support thereof, state as follows:

1. Due to Staff's Motion, Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and the Company believe the that the hearings currently scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 in this matter should be postponed until a future date. Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon counsel for all parties on this 2nd day of February 2024, by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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