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 Permission and Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience

Case No. EA-2023-0291

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. ("Evergy Missouri West" or "the Company") (collectively "movants"), and for their *Motion to Suspend the Procedural Schedule and Motion for Expedited Treatment*, states as follows:

1. Evergy Missouri West filed an application in the above styled case on November 8, 2023, that requested "the Commission issue an Operating Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") that authorizes [the Company] to own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage an existing and operational natural gasfired, combined-cycle electric generation facility located in Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri known as the Dogwood Energy Facility."

2. Following this initial filing, OPC and Staff meet several times with the Company in an effort to work towards a mutually beneficial settlement agreement.

3. As a result of these discussions, movants collectively reached an agreement in principle to settle this case on February 9, 2024.

4. Movants are currently in the process of formalizing that agreement in principle into a *Stipulation and Agreement* to be filed with the Commission.

5. To allow time for this process to occur, and to prevent the unnecessary waste of resources, movants request the Commission suspend the current procedural schedule for this case and order the parties to file a stipulation and agreement or status report by February 22, 2024.

6. Given that the current procedural schedule requires rebuttal testimony to be filed in this case by February 15, 2024, movants request that the Commission issue its order to suspend the procedural schedule by February 14, 2024.

7. Granting the Motion to Suspend by this time will avoid harm, in that, it will prevent the unnecessary waste of resources on the part of Staff and OPC to file rebuttal testimony in a case where settlement has already been reached.

8. This pleading has been filed the next business day after the agreement in principle was reached and hence was filed as soon as it could have been.¹

WHEREFORE, the movants respectfully request the Commission suspend the current procedural schedule for this case and order the parties to file a stipulation and agreement or status report by February 22, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ John Clizer John Clizer (#69043)

¹ Agreement between the movants was reached near the close of business Friday February 9, 2024. Monday, February 12, 2024, is a state holiday by order of the Missouri Governor. Therefore, the most immediate business day to complete this filing following the reaching of the agreement in principle was Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this thirteenth day of February 2024.

/s/ John Clizer