BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate Increase for Electric Service

Case No. ER-2024-0189

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF VELVET TECH SERVICES, LLC

Velvet Tech Services, LLC, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075 of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and this Commission's February 5, 2024 Order Giving Notice and Setting a Deadline to Intervene, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states as follow:

1. Velvet Tech Services, LLC ("Velvet") is siting a new hyperscale enterprise data center near Kansas City, Missouri.

2. On December 1, 2023, Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy") filed a Notice of Intended Case Filing to file tariffs to initiate a general rate case proceeding seeking an increase in its electric rates.

3. In EO-2022-0061, Velvet sought and obtained approval of a special high load factor market rate tariff in Evergy Missouri West.

4. Velvet seeks to intervene because the Commission's actions herein could affect the Velvet's interests.

5. Velvet has the potential to be one of Evergy's largest customers, such that it has an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public. Velvet's interest will not and cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

6. Velvet does not yet have a position on the issues in this case and reserves the right to take positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.

7. Velvet's intervention will serve the public interest by assisting the development of the record for the Commission's decision in this case.

8. Correspondence or communications regarding this application, including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, Velvet Tech Services, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting its Application to Intervene and that it be made a party hereto with all rights to participate in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLINGER BELL LLC

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all of the parties of record or their counsel, pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this February 15, 2024.

> <u>/s/ Stephanie S. Bell</u> Stephanie S. Bell