## 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 West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy	)	File No. EO-2024-0161
Missouri West to Osage Valley Electric	)	
Cooperative <sup>1</sup>	)	

## STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and tenders this Response to Order Directing Filing of Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule and Motion for Procedural Conference ("Motion"):

- 1. On March 8, 2024, the Commission ordered Staff to collaborate with the other parties<sup>2</sup> in this case and to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 22, 2024.
- 2. There are seven (7) parties to this case. Three of the parties are representing themselves without licensed representation. Staff's intent is to ensure that the parties understand their options within this process and reach a schedule proposal agreeable to all parties.
- 3. Therefore, in order "to collaborate and [hopefully] file a joint proposed procedural schedule" as directed by the Commission, Staff requests the Commission to schedule a procedural conference, so that the parties receive notice of the conference and have an opportunity to participate in the discussion of appropriate dates for the evidentiary hearing and related elements of this proceeding. Although Staff has not been

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> File Nos. **EO-2024-0166** and **EO-2024-0181** are consolidated with **EO-2024-0161** with this file designated as the leading case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The other parties are Trevor King, Tyler Watts, Mathew Gibreal, Osage Valley Electric Cooperative, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Evergy Missouri West, Inc.

in contact with all parties, those parties with whom Staff has been in contact have not indicated objection to a procedural conference.

- 4. If a party cannot participate on the selected date, but desires to have input on date selection, Staff asks that the party contact Staff counsel prior to the scheduled conference.
- 5. Staff would suggest that such order also include a disclaimer that failure to participate in the procedural conference, or to notify Staff prior, will lead Staff to infer that the party entrusts the other parties to this case to select the appropriate and necessary dates.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission will grant Staff's Motion and order a date for a procedural conference; will provide notice to all parties of the procedural conference and direct them to contact Staff in advance of the conference if the party cannot participate but wishes to provide input on date selection; and will grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2024.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff