

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

In the Matter of the Fifth Prudence Review)
of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved) **Case No. EO-2023-0276**
Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy Metro, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)

In the Matter of the Eleventh Prudence)
Review of Costs Subject to the Commission-) **Case No. EO-2023-0277**
Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West)

STAFF’S STATEMENT IN LIEU OF INITIAL BRIEF

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and, as directed by the Commission’s *Order Granting Motion for Extension to File Briefs* issued May 24, 2024, hereby tenders this *Statement in Lieu of Initial Brief*.

On March 11, 2024, in Case Nos. EO-2023-0276 and EO-2023-0277, Staff, Evergy Missouri Metro, and Evergy Missouri West submitted a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (“Stipulation”). No party objected to the Stipulation, so the Commission treated it as unanimous.¹ On May 2, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Approving Stipulation*,² which ordered the signatories of the Stipulation to comply with its terms and became effective on May 12, 2024. Therefore, that Stipulation is already effective. The Stipulation resolved all issues between Evergy Missouri Metro, Evergy Missouri West, and Staff in both Case Nos. EO-2023-0276 and EO-2023-0277.

Therefore, the only remaining issues in these cases are issues raised by The Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) in Case No. EO-2023-0277 between OPC and Evergy Missouri West. Accordingly, Staff views this matter as being between

¹ See footnote 2.

² Case No. EO-2023-0277, EFIS Item 57.

Every Missouri West and OPC, and will not be filing an initial brief but submits this statement in lieu thereof. However, Staff reserves the right to file a reply brief should the initial briefs filed by other parties warrant such a filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accept this Statement In Lieu of Initial Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 20th day of June 2024.

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