

**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 Authority to Encumber Assets) **File No. EF-2022-0103**

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its Response to *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation on Compliance Filing* (“Response”) respectfully states as follows:

1. On July 3, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation on Compliance Filing* (“Order”) in which it directed Staff to, no later than July 19, 2024: (a) file a recommendation as to whether the information in *Evergy Missouri West’s Compliance Filing*, filed on June 28, 2024, and the accompanying attachments, complies with the Commission’s *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Approving Application for Financing Authority*, issued on February 17, 2022, and (b) inform the Commission as to whether the file in this matter is ready to be re-closed.

2. In regard to (a) above, based on information currently known by and available to Staff, Evergy Missouri West’s (“EMW”) compliance filing, filed on June 28, 2024, and the accompanying attachments, appear to comply with the Commission’s *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Approving Application for Financing Authority* issued on February 17, 2022.¹

¹ The compliance filing and attachments comply with paragraph 8.ii. of the Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission in its *Order Approving Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Approving Application for Financing Authority*, issued on February 17, 2022, which is quoted in the Order issued July 3, 2024.

3. In regard to (b) above, Staff would advise that the file in this matter may be re-closed for the time being, so long as it may be re-opened in the future should the need arise. Staff would note in this regard that the referenced Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement contains additional requirements (including additional reporting requirements in certain events) which should not be affected by the re-closing of the file.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Response to the Commission's *Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation on Compliance Filing*.

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 19th day of July 2024.

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