OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro's Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism))) <u>File No. EO-2023-0369</u>))
In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Notice of Intent to File an Application for Authority to Establish a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism))) <u>File No. EO-2023-0370</u>)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROVIDE LIVE SUR-SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY ABOUT KEVIN GUNN'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S AUGUST 7, 2024 AGENDA DISCUSSION

Issue Date: August 27, 2024 Effective Date: August 27, 2024

On August 26, 2024, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed *Motion to Provide Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony in Response to Evergy Witness Kevin Gunn, Motion for Additional Information, and Motion for Expedited Treatment*. Staff explains that Evergy witness Kevin Gunn's surrebuttal testimony page 3 line 17 through page 6 line 15, titled "Response to August 7, 2024 Commission Agenda and Discussion" and Schedule KG-1 attempt to introduce and quantify an alternative MEEIA request. Staff asks that it be allowed to offer live sur-surrebuttal at the evidentiary hearing addressing Gunn's testimony and alternative MEEIA request. The Commission finds Staff's request reasonable.

Staff also asks that Evergy provide specific program information to Staff in support of Evergy's alternative MEEIA request. The Commission will not order Evergy to provide that additional information.

This alternative MEEIA request is not part of any agreement and so, the Commission assumes it does not have broad support among the parties in this case. As Gunn's testimony points out, the total resource cost test is the preferred cost-effectiveness test for MEEIA. Accordingly, absent a unanimous stipulation, for the Commission to grant any alternative MEEIA request, there would have to be sufficient evidence of record to support each program under Evergy's alternative proposal.

Evergy filed a response to Staff's motion on August 27, 2024. Evergy does not object to Staff's motion for live sur-surrebuttal, but would also like to present live sur-surrebuttal about the Office of the Public Counsel's MEEIA proposal in the surrebuttal testimony of Geoff Marke. The Commission will grant Evergy's request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission grants Staff's request, in part, and any party may provide live testimony at the evidentiary hearing in response to Kevin Gunn's surrebuttal testimony about Evergy's alternative MEEIA request.
- 2. Any party may provide live testimony at the evidentiary hearing about Public Counsel's MEEIA proposal contained in the surrebuttal testimony of Geoff Marke.
 - 3. This order is effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Tancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th day of August, 2024.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 27th day of August 2024.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION August 27, 2024

File/Case No. EO-2023-0369 and EO-2023-0370

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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