BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

File No. EO-2023-0369

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

File No. EO-2023-0370

MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension to File Staff Recommendation* respectfully states as follows:

1. Evergy Metro Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, "Evergy"), the Office of the Public Counsel, and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri filed a *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* ("Agreement") on September 27, 2024. Staff filed its response on October 4, 2024, indicating that Staff did not oppose the Agreement.

2. The Commission issued its *Order Directing Evergy to File Substitute Tariff Sheets and Setting Time for Responses* ("Order") on October 8, 2024. The Order directed Evergy to file substitute tariff sheets reflecting the terms of the Agreement no later than October 15, 2024. The Order also directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the substitute tariff sheets compliance with the Agreement no later than October 18, 2024.

3. Based on its initial review of the substitute tariffs, Staff requested an extension to file its recommendation no later than November 1, 2024. The Commission granted this extension in its *Order Granting Extension of Time to File Staff*

Recommendation issued on October 17, 2024. Staff continues to work with Evergy to examine the details in the substitute tariff sheets and assess compliance with the Agreement.

4. Staff respectfully requests further extension to finalize and file its recommendation no later than November 8, 2024. Staff has identified areas that need to be addressed and is actively working with Evergy to address those concerns in an effort to limit the length of any subsequent recommendation. This week-long extension will provide Staff sufficient time to conclude conversations with Evergy, as well as finalize recommended changes that Staff believes need to be made to the substitute tariffs in order to comply with the Agreement. Staff will endeavor to file its recommendation in this matter earlier if possible.

5. This Motion is made in the interest of justice and without the intent to unreasonably delay or hinder these proceedings in any manner.

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully submits this *Motion for Extension to File Staff Recommendation* for the Commission's information and consideration, and prays the Commission grant Staff an extension to file its recommendation in this matter no later than November 8, 2024, and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

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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 all parties and/or counsel of record this 1st day of November 2024.

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>