

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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 ) **File No. EO-2023-0369**  
Application for Authority to Establish a Demand- )  
Side Programs Investment Mechanism )

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

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *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. The Commission granted an additional extension through November 8, 2024 to provide sufficient time to conclude conversations with Evergy, as well as finalize recommended changes that Staff believes needed to be made to the tariffs in order to comply with the Agreement.

4. Following discussions with Evergy and OPC, Staff concludes that the tariff sheets attached and incorporated herein comply with the Agreement.<sup>1</sup> However, in the Table of Contents, the item named “Evergy FAST Track Program” should be deleted.

5. As noted in Staff’s direct case and the *Staff Response to Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, these tariff sheets lack the level of detail and specificity that Staff believes are necessary for a MEEIA portfolio. However, for the purposes of complying with the Agreement that Staff does not oppose, the attached tariff sheets accomplish that goal.

6. Staff and Evergy have also discussed the Agreement language regarding the Technical Reference Manual (“TRM”) and incentive ranges.<sup>2</sup> The Agreement states that the updated TRM and incentive ranges will be submitted in these dockets with compliance tariffs.<sup>3</sup> Staff and Evergy have agreed that Evergy will file the updated TRM and incentive ranges no later than December 1, 2024.

7. Staff has not been able to verify the Net Margin Revenue values nor the Load Shape values included in these tariff sheets as support has not been provided. Staff recommends that the Commission order Evergy to provide the supporting documentation necessary to verify the accuracy of those calculated values as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> The attached include clean and redline copies of the tariff sheets.

<sup>2</sup> Agreement, pg. 5, para. N.

<sup>3</sup> *Id*, sub-paragraph c.

**WHEREFORE** Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation* for the Commission's information and consideration, and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

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Missouri Public Service Commission**

### **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 8th day of November 2024.

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

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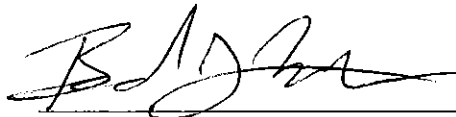
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**AFFIDAVIT OF BRAD J. FORTSON**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW BRAD J. FORTSON** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and  
-lawful-age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true  
and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

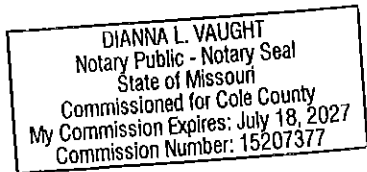
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**BRAD J. FORTSON**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for  
the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 2024.



Dianna L. Vaught  
Notary Public

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MARK KIESLING**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW MARK KIESLING** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

*Mark Kiesling*  
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Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027  
Commission Number: 15207377

*Dianna L. Vaughn*  
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