

**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 Application for Authority to ) **File No. EO-2023-0369**  
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 Application for Authority to ) **File No. EO-2023-0370**  
Establish a Demand-Side Programs )  
Investment Mechanism )

**JOINT RESPONSE OF EVERGY AND OPC TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
AND JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TARIFFS**

**COMES NOW**, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, the “Company” or “Evergy”), and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080, files their *Joint Response* to the *Staff Recommendation* filed on November 8, 2024, and their *Joint Motion to Approve Substitute Tariffs*. In support of this pleading, Evergy states as follows:

1. The Company, OPC, and Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri (“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 no later

than October 18, 2024. Subsequently the filing deadline for the Staff Recommendation was extended to November 8, 2024.

3. On October 15, 2024, the Company filed substitute tariff sheets reflecting the terms of the Agreement.

4. On November 8, 2024, the Commission Staff filed its Staff Recommendation in which it suggested revisions to the Company's proposed tariffs and stated that "Staff concludes that the tariff sheets attached and incorporated herein comply with the Agreement." (Staff Recommendation, p. 2)

5. The Company and OPC wish to inform the Commission that the Staff Recommendation and the substitute tariffs attached thereto (as subsequently modified by an additional filing on November 25, 2024, as discussed herein) are acceptable to the Company and OPC.

6. However, as a result of subsequent discussions between the Company, Staff and OPC, additional changes to the substitute tariffs attached to the Staff Recommendation were suggested by OPC to address issues related to the PAYS program. On November 25, 2024, Evergy filed revised substitute tariffs which include the subsequent edits related to the PAYS program. The Company and OPC agree that the Agreement filed on September 27, 2024, and the revised substitute tariffs filed November 25, 2024 should be approved by the Commission to be effective on January 1, 2025.

7. In addition, the Company has provided Staff the information it requested in its November 8, 2024 Staff Recommendation, which included the Net Margin values, the Load Shape Values, the updated TRM, and incentive ranges. The Company filed the TRM and incentive ranges in this docket on November 25, 2024.

**WHEREFORE**, Evergy, on behalf of itself and the OPC, respectfully requests that the Commission approve the Agreement filed on September 27, 2024, and the revised substitute tariffs which were filed November 25, 2024, to be effective on January 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Roger W. Steiner*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been e-mailed to counsel of record for all parties this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

*/s/ Roger W. Steiner*

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