BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Aladdin)	
PropCo, LLC for a Variance from 20 CSR)	
4240-20.050 Regarding Individual Electric Meters)	File No. EE-2025-0158

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and states as follows:

- 1. On November 18, 2024, Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy") and Aladdin PropCo, LLC ("Aladdin") (collectively the "Applicants") filed a Joint Application relating to the individual electric meter requirement in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.050 ("Application").
- 2. The Application states that Aladdin owns a high-rise residential building that will consist of approximately 122 housing units, the building was originally constructed in 1925 as a hotel, the footings were poured at that time, and Evergy provides electricity to the property.
- 3. Applicants note that because the building was constructed prior to June 1, 1981, the Variance Committee¹ could conclude consistent with the Variance Committee's determination in File No. EE-2024-0335 that the separate metering requirement contained in 20 CSR 4240-20.050 does not apply.

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¹ Members of the Variance Committee include Claire Eubanks (Staff Industry Analysis Division), Travis Pringle (Staff Counsel), and Justin Tevie (Staff Industry Analysis Division) as named in a recorded vote by the Commissioners on May 15, 2024. Ex officio member Marc Poston (Office of the Public Counsel) is also included on the Variance Committee.

- 4. In the alternative, Applicants request a variance for good cause should the Commission find that 20 CSR 4240-20.050 does apply.
- 5. On November 19, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Deadlines* for Intervention Requests and for Recommendation of Variance Committee, which set a December 10, 2024, deadline to intervene, and which set a December 18, 2024, deadline for the Variance Committee to file either a recommendation or a status report indicating when it expects to file its recommendation.
- 6. Staff submitted data requests ("DRs") to Applicants on November 26, 2024, and while some responses have been received as of the date of this filing, all responses were due on or by December 16, 2024.
- 7. In order to provide sufficient time for the Variance Committee to examine Applicants' request, including the opportunity to receive and review DR responses and the potential need to issue additional discovery in its examination Staff requests the Commission order the Variance Committee to submit its Recommendation no later than January 17, 2025. The Variance Committee will endeavor to file its recommendation earlier if possible.
- 8. This Status Report is made in the interest of justice and without the intent to unreasonably delay or hinder these proceedings in any manner.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept this Status Report; order the Variance Committee to file its Recommendation regarding the Application no later than January 17, 2025; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 17th day of December, 2024.

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