

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a	)	
Evergy Missouri Metro's Demand Side	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2025-0173</u></b>
Investment Mechanism Rider Rate Adjustment	)	Tariff No. JE-2025-0085
and True-Up Required by 20 CSR 4240-	)	
20.093(4)	)	

**MOTION FOR VARIANCE AND EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
AND EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

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

1. On December 2, 2024, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Metro") filed a tariff sheet and supporting testimony with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to adjust charges related to its approved Demand Side Investment Mechanism Rider, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(A). The tariff sheet bears an effective date of February 1, 2025.
2. On December 3, 2024, the Commission ordered Staff to provide a recommendation on this tariff revision no later than January 2, 2025.
3. On December 20, 2024, Evergy Metro filed a substitute tariff in this case. This substitute tariff also bears an effective date of February 1, 2025.
4. Staff requests additional time to review the proposed adjustments and supporting documentation provided by Evergy Metro. The time required by the current schedule for all matters pending before the Commission and Evergy Metro's filing of a substitute tariff on December 20, 2024, are the reasons for the request. To allow for this additional time for review, Staff requests a variance under Commission

Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(14) to allow Staff to provide a recommendation beyond the 30-day timeframe outlined under Commission Rule 20-CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B). Staff believes the abovementioned reasons constitute good cause for the Commission to grant a variance in this instance.

5. Staff believes it will be able to file a recommendation by January 17, 2025, which will allow enough time for the Commission to remain within the 60-day time frame under 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B). The Commission may also expedite approval and implementation of the proposed adjustments as it sees fit under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14).

6. Additionally, this extension will not necessitate a delay of the February 1, 2025, effective date requested by Evergy Metro. The Commission calendar allows two opportunities for Agenda between the requested Staff filing due date of January 17, 2024, and the effective date requested by Evergy Metro.

7. Staff will endeavor to file its recommendation earlier, if possible. 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 Variance and Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation* for the Commission's information and consideration and prays the Commission grant Staff the requested variance and additional time within which to file its recommendation in this matter, on or before January 17, 2025; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable in the circumstance.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, to the parties of record as listed in the Service List maintained for this case by the Commission's Data Center, on this 24th day of December, 2024.

**/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr**