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#### **ON BEHALF OF**

#### EVERGY MISSOURI WEST AND EVERGY MISSOURI METRO

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</u>

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### 2 Q: Are you the same Kevin D. Gunn who filed direct testimony in this case on November 3 15, 2024?

A: Yes. I previously submitted direct testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West" or "EMW") and Evergy Metro, Inc.
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Metro" or "EMM") (collectively referred to as the
"Applicants" or the "Companies"). The Companies, along with Evergy Kansas Central,
Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc. ("Evergy Kansas Central" or "EKC"), are the operating
utilities of Evergy, Inc. ("Evergy").

#### 10 Q: What is the purpose of your supplemental direct testimony?

A: I explain in summary fashion why Evergy decided to allocate 50% of the McNew
Generating Station ("McNew") to Evergy Missouri West and 50% to Evergy Kansas
Central in accordance with the decision framework described in my Direct Testimony.<sup>1</sup> I
discuss how the decision to allocate this facility to Evergy Missouri West meets the
requirements set forth in the Commission's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity
("CCN") Rule, 20 CSR 4240-20.045 et. seq. ("CCN Rule"), as well as the traditional
standards used by the Commission, known as the *Tartan* factors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Kevin Gunn Direct Testimony at 30-31.

1I testify that granting Evergy Missouri West's request for a CCN to own, operate,2and maintain its share of McNew is not detrimental to the public interest and is prudent3because this plant will provide significant customer benefits and help satisfy EMW's future4capacity requirements based upon the Company's most recent Integrated Resource5Planning ("IRP") analysis and conclusions. I also explain why the Commission should6determine that Evergy Missouri West's decision to be allocated 50% of the McNew plant7is prudent under Section (2)(C) of the CCN Rule.

Finally, I summarize the updates to the information previously provided in the Application and direct testimony as it relates to EMW's 50% interest in the Viola Generating Station ("Viola") and its 100% interest in Mullin Creek Unit #1 Generating Station ("Mullin Creek # 1"). I also summarize other updates to miscellaneous legal and factual matters covered in the Companies' application and testimony filed in November 2024.

#### 14 Q: Are there other witnesses filing supplemental direct testimony?

A: Yes. In addition to my testimony, the following witnesses are also providing supplemental
direct testimony in conjunction with the Company's Application in this case:

17 (1) Jason Humphrey, Vice President of Development, provides testimony
18 regarding the competitive bidding process pertaining to the Company's
19 selection of its Engineering, Procurement, and Construction ("EPC")
20 contractor. Mr. Humphrey also addresses Evergy's selection of the Power
21 Island Equipment ("PIE") and Generator Step-Up ("GSU") Transformers.
22 Finally, Mr. Humphrey addresses the development environment broadly

and discusses the potential implications of very recently announced federal actions.

3 (2) John Grace, Senior Director of Corporate Planning and Financial
4 Performance, testifies regarding EMW's ability to finance its 50% share of
5 the McNew plant, as well as updates regarding EMW's ability to finance its
6 50% share of the Viola plant and 100% of Mullin Creek #1 through the
7 Company's existing debt and equity financing structure.

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- 8 (3) <u>Kyle Olson</u>, Director of Conventional Generation and Construction,
  9 provides updated cost estimates regarding the Viola and Mullin Creek # 1
  10 plants, as well as for the McNew plant. Mr. Olson also addresses the
  11 updated costs estimates, PIE, and GSUs for McNew, Viola, and Mullin
  12 Creek # 1. Finally, Mr. Olson discusses how Evergy has yet to select an
  13 EPC contractor for the Projects.
- 14 Cody VandeVelde, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy and Long-Term (4) 15 Planning, testifies regarding Evergy's updated resource planning modeling 16 analysis and results for Evergy Missouri West since the Application and 17 direct testimony were filed in November 2024. He explains allocating 18 McNew's capacity to Evergy Missouri West fits within its overall capacity 19 plan, as well as how Viola and Mullin Creek #1 continue to satisfy EMW's 20 capacity requirements. Additionally, Mr. VandeVelde will provide 21 testimony regarding the expected influx of large customers into Evergy's 22 service territories and the impact that those customers' need for energy will 23 have on Evergy Missouri West's need for these projects. Finally, Mr.

1		VandeVelde addresses how McNew, Viola, and Mullin Creek # 1 are
2		reasonable and cost effective given their updated cost estimates.
3	Q:	Given the changes in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government, will President
4		Trump's recently issued executive orders adversely affect the requests of Evergy
5		Missouri West in this proceeding?
6	A:	No, not based on what I have read to date. The executive order issued on January 20, 2025,
7		entitled "Declaring a National Energy Emergency" <sup>2</sup> seeks to support a reliable supply of
8		energy and promote the integrity of the electrical grid.
9		Similarly, the executive order "Unleashing American Energy," <sup>3</sup> also issued on
10		January 20, 2025, supports the generation of reliable and affordable electricity, as well as
11		the construction of critical energy infrastructure that would ensure an abundant supply of
12		reliable energy. Both of these executive orders are consistent with the requests that Evergy
13		has submitted to the Commission. However, as Jason Humphrey points out, new tariffs
14		may increase cost and create additional uncertainty for the project teams to manage
15		throughout the development cycle.
16		II. DECISION TO ALLOCATE 50% OF MCNEW TO EVERGY WEST

#### II. **DECISION TO ALLOCATE 50% OF MCNEW TO EVERGY WEST**

#### Why has Evergy decided to allocate 50% of the McNew plant to Evergy West? 17 **Q**:

As the Commission will recall, the McNew natural gas-fired generation facility is an 18 A: 19 advanced-class 710-megawatt ("MW") combined-cycle combustion turbine ("CCGT") 20 plant that Evergy plans to construct in Reno Country, Kansas, near Hutchinson, by January 21 1, 2030.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exec. Order No. 14156, 90 Fed. Reg. 18, 8433 (Jan. 29, 2025) ("Declaring a National Energy Emergency").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Exec. Order No. 14154, 90 Fed. Reg. 18, 8353 (Jan. 29, 2025) ("Unleashing American Energy").

1		When the Companies filed their Application and direct testimony in November
2		2024, they were unsure whether EKC, EMM, or EMW would be allocated a 50%
3		ownership in McNew. Since that time, Evergy has conducted an updated resource planning
4		modeling analysis, referred to as the "CCN Supplemental Direct" modeling and described
5		in detail by Company witness VandeVelde. The CCN Supplemental Direct modeling made
6		updates to include: (1) alignment of DSM profiles to recent Commission Orders regarding
7		MEEIA Cycle 4, (2) assessment of the SPP's most recent resource adequacy requirements,
8		(3) updated load forecasts, and (4) updated construction costs and attributes of combined
9		cycle and simple cycle natural gas generation resources.
10		As discussed in detail by Mr. VandeVelde, Evergy has concluded that it is prudent
11		for EMW to own a 50% interest in McNew, with Evergy Kansas Central owning the
4.0		nom sining 500/ interest
12		remaining 50% interest.
12 13	Q:	Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision
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13	<b>Q:</b> A:	Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision
13 14		Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision to allocate the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility to EMW?
13 14 15		Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision to allocate the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility to EMW? Yes. As stated in my Direct Testimony at page 30 and 31, the second 50% of the McNew
13 14 15 16		Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision to allocate the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility to EMW? Yes. As stated in my Direct Testimony at page 30 and 31, the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility would be transferred to EMW only if all of the three stated conditions were
13 14 15 16 17		Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision to allocate the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility to EMW? Yes. As stated in my Direct Testimony at page 30 and 31, the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility would be transferred to EMW only if all of the three stated conditions were met, which were:
13 14 15 16 17 18		Can you please describe the decision-making process utilized to arrive at the decision to allocate the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility to EMW? Yes. As stated in my Direct Testimony at page 30 and 31, the second 50% of the McNew CCGT facility would be transferred to EMW only if all of the three stated conditions were met, which were: i. The addition of an incremental large load customer under evaluation is confirmed
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#### **Q:** Have those three conditions been met?

2 A: Yes, all three conditions have been met to allocate a 50% share of McNew to EMW. As 3 outlined in the Supplemental Direct Testimony of Cody VandeVelde, the Company 4 reviewed and considered a number of factors that can play a role in impacting resource 5 need among the various affiliates, EKC, EMM, and EMW. These factors included, but were 6 not necessarily limited to, likely load additions and future demand projections, as well as 7 flexibility within each affiliate's portfolio. Although no particular load addition or additions 8 anticipated by any affiliate drove the decision, the Company did analyze likely load 9 additions in each affiliate's territory, which included an Attachment AQ assessment with 10 Southwest Power Pool. Ultimately, the analysis concluded that all of the three affiliates had 11 sufficient future load and additional demand to support allocation of the second half of the 12 McNew facility.

However, EKC and EMM demonstrated that they have a later need for the additional capacity or have more flexibility with respect to other generation assets, including possible flexibility to delay retirement of some assets. This flexibility would enable EKC and EMM to more readily meet their customers' needs without the addition of the second half of the McNew facility. In addition, EMW not only presented less flexibility than the other two candidate affiliates, but it also has the most acute need for the additional generation.

The second half of the McNew facility is critical to EMW because an incremental large load is coming to its service territory within a few years and will require a significant amount of energy. As Company witness VandeVelde describes, the customer informed large load profile that is included in the CCN Supplemental Direct load forecast has not

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been publicly announced or confirmed at this point. However, it has completed Evergy's
internal review process that allows the Company to complete due diligence on large load
customer requests, sets forth numerous data points to vet the feasibility of the customer
locating in Evergy's service territory, and requires a sizeable deposit to support analysis to
study the viability of the customer's project. Additionally, in January 2025 the load
addition was submitted to the Attachment AQ process at the SPP to study the transmission
upgrade requirements.

8 Along with the other drivers identified in Company witness VandeVelde's 9 Supplemental Direct Testimony, McNew is necessary for EMW to satisfy EMW's 10 increased load ramp in 2030 and market bridge capacity. Based on these factors, the 11 decision to allocate the second half of the McNew facility to EMW is prudent.

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#### III. FACTUAL SUPPORT FOR ALLOCATING 50% INTEREST IN MCNEW TO <u>EVERGY WEST UNDER CCN Rule AND TARTAN FACTORS</u><sup>4</sup>

### 14 Q: Please provide an overview of the regulations that apply to the Company's CCN15 Application.

A: The Missouri Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") CCN Rule requires a
CCN for an electric utility to construct an electric generating plant under Section
393.170.1. A CCN is required if an "electric generating plant ... is expected to serve
Missouri customers and be included in the rate base used to set their retail rates regardless
of whether the item(s) to be constructed or operated is located ... inside or outside
Missouri; ...." See 20 CSR 4240-20.045(1)(A)1 & (2)(A)3.<sup>5</sup> The McNew project will be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In re Tartan Energy Co., No. GA-94-127, 1994 WL 762882 (Mo. P.S.C. 1994).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Kevin Gunn Direct at 14.

1		constructed in Kansas but will serve Missouri customers. EMW anticipates, upon approval		
2		from the Commission, that McNew will be included in the utility's retail rates.		
3	Q:	Are there sections of your testimony pertaining to McNew that need updated in		
4		regard to the CCN Rule?		
5	A:	Yes. EMW will provide updates to the following sections of the CCN Rule, as stated in its		
6		Application and direct testimony filing.		
7		1. Section (6)(C) – Company witness Mr. Kyle Olson provides further detail		
8		on the necessary updates for this section.		
9		2. Section (6)(F) – Company witness Mr. John Grace provides further detail		
10		on the necessary updates for this section.		
11		3. Section (6)(G) – Company witnesses Mr. Cody VandeVelde provides		
12		further detail on the necessary updates for this section.		
13		4. Section (6)(H) – Company witnesses Mr. Kyle Olson and Mr. Jason		
14		Humphrey provides further detail on the necessary updates for this section.		
15	Q:	Per Section (6)(C) of the CCN Rule, please provide any cost estimates that need to be		
16		updated for McNew.		
17	A:	As discussed in detail by Company witness Mr. Olson, Evergy received two Engineering,		
18		Procurement, and Construction ("EPC") bids and has analyzed those bids to produce an		
19		updated cost estimate for the McNew facility. The updated cost estimate for McNew, set		
20		forth in Mr. Olson's Supplemental Direct Testimony, was close to the cost estimate		
21		previously provided in the Company's November filings.		

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### Q: Are there any additional updates pertaining to cost estimates that need to be provided regarding McNew?

A: Yes. As discussed further by Mr. Olson and Mr. Humphrey, EMW has finalized a fixedprice PIE Supply Agreement with Mitsubishi Power Americas. The final cost figure for
McNew was consistent with the estimated costs previously provided in Evergy's
November direct testimony.

- 7 Q: Per Section (6)(F) of the CCN Rule, does EMW have the financial ability to acquire,
  8 construct, install, own, manage, maintain, and control the McNew generation facility?
- 9 A: Yes. As discussed by Mr. Grace in his Direct Testimony on pages 3-6 and his Supplemental
- 10 Direct Testimony, EMW has adequate liquidity to finance McNew.
- 11 Q: Per Section (6)(G) of the CCN Rule, please describe the IRP process in Missouri.
- A: As discussed further by Mr. VandeVelde, "[t]he IRP process is completed under the
  Commission's Electric Utility Resource Planning Rules are found in Chapter 22 of 20 CSR
  4240. It results in the selection of a Preferred Plan, which reflects the combination of
  supply-side and demand-side resources that EMW and EMM will use to meet forecasted
  customer requirements for the next twenty years."<sup>6</sup>
- 17 Q: Please outline the different resource planning modeling exercises that were completed
  18 to support testimony in this case as well as other IRP filings?
- A: As discussed in Mr. VandeVelde's Supplemental Direct Testimony, Evergy has completed
   four (4) different modeling exercises to support testimony in this CCN proceeding, as well
   as previous and upcoming IRP filings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> VandeVelde Direct at 4.

Q: What resource planning modeling exercise was used to support Evergy witnesses'
 supplemental direct testimony filings?

3 A: EMW used the "CCN Supplemental Direct" modeling analysis to support testimony in this 4 CCN proceeding. This analysis, as described in detail by Mr. VandeVelde, was used to 5 determine EMW's, as well as other Evergy utilities,' needs for physical capacity and 6 energy and their ability to respond to projected significant development in Missouri and 7 Kansas. EMW's "CCN Supplemental Direct" analysis concluded that it is prudent to 8 allocate a 50% share of McNew to EMW. EMW demonstrated that it has the earliest need 9 for capacity and energy to satisfy its existing and new incremental large customers' loads 10 by 2030. The "CCN Supplemental Direct" analysis is consistent with EMW's "2025 11 Annual IRP Update" that is planned to be filed in March 2025.

### 12 Q: Per Section (6)(H) of the CCN Rule, please provide any updates since EMW's direct 13 testimony filing regarding the competitive bidding process(s).

14 A: As discussed further by Evergy witnesses Mr. Olson and Mr. Humphrey, Evergy has yet 15 to select an EPC contractor for McNew, Viola, and Mullin Creek # 1 and has not signed a 16 final EPC contract. However, Evergy has received cost estimates from potential EPC 17 contractors and has incorporated those estimates in the Projects total cost estimates. Evergy 18 expects to have a negotiated and signed EPC contract by the second quarter of 2025. 19 Additionally, as discussed herein, Evergy has finalized PIE Supply Agreement with 20 Mitsubishi Power Americas, and EMW has finalized agreements for GSUs transformers 21 for McNew, Viola, and Mullin Creek # 1 with a well-established supplier not located in 22 southeast Asia to minimize tariff risks and the possible purchase of parts and components 23 from China.

1	Q:	What other standards has the Commission traditionally employed in evaluating CCN
2		applications?
3	A:	When determining whether a project is necessary or convenient for the public service, the
4		Commission has traditionally applied five criteria, commonly known as the Tartan factors,
5		which are as follows:
6		1. Is the service needed?
7		2. Is the applicant's proposal economically feasible?
8		3. Is the applicant qualified to provide the service?
9		4. Does the applicant have the financial ability to provide the service?
10		5. Does the proposed service promote the public interest?
11	Q:	Will you address the necessary updates to the Tartan factors regarding Evergy's
12		decision to allocate Evergy Missouri West a 50% interest in McNew?
13	A:	Yes. I address how EMW needs McNew, McNew is economically feasible, EMW has the
14		financial ability to provide service, and McNew is in the public interest.
15	1.	EMW Needs McNew
16	Q:	How does the Commission define necessity for purposes of CCN applications?
17	A:	Please refer to my Direct Testimony on page 16 for the discussion of how the Commission
18		defines "necessity."

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### Q: How does EMW being allocated a 50% interest in McNew satisfy EMW's need, given the updated resource planning modeling analysis?

3 A: First, Company witness Humphrey describes in his Direct Testimony how these natural 4 gas electrical production facilities are a significant part of the Company's broader long-5 term resource plan to meet substantially increased capacity and energy requirements while 6 ensuring system reliability and minimizing carbon emissions from its system. 7 Second, as discussed herein and in Mr. VandeVelde's Supplemental Direct 8 Testimony, EMW as well as its two affiliates have resource adequacy needs, sufficient future load, and additional demand to support allocation of the second half of the McNew 9 10 facility. However, among the three affiliates EMW has the earliest need for McNew and 11 the least flexibility beyond the facility to meet its increased load ramp while bridging 12 market capacity.

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#### 2. EMW's Being Allocated the McNew Plant is Economically Feasible

#### 14 Q: Do the benefits for EMW customers that result from adding McNew justify the costs?

A: Yes. In their direct testimony Company witnesses Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Olson, and Mrs.
Onnen describe how McNew and the other natural gas plants provide a valuable addition
to EMW's portfolio in terms of firm, dispatchable power plants. McNew will include firm
fuel transport for the combined cycle plant. The plants are also located at different points
on the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") grid providing for geographic diversity while still
being located in the SPP.

As discussed by Mr. VandeVelde, EMW needs McNew's capacity and energy to supply. Company witnesses Humphrey and Olson has described how we have run competitive bid processes in order to select the contractors to fill all of the major

1		requirements for the project – the OE, the PIE supplier, and the EPC contractor. We have
2		also capitalized on economies of scale that result from planning and constructing three
3		natural gas plants as part of the same process. The costs are justified because, as discussed
4		herein and by Mr. Olson, the cost estimates of McNew were similar to those previously
5		submitted and are within industry standard market price.
6	3.	EMW Has the Ability to Finance the Construction of McNew
7	Q:	Does EMW have the ability to finance the purchase and operation of McNew?
8	A:	Yes. As discussed above under Section III(A) and by Mr. Grace, EMW has adequate short-
9		term liquidity available to finance McNew along with EMW's 50% interest in Viola and
10		100% interest in Mullen Creek #1.
11	4.	EMW's Allocation of a 50% Share in McNew Serves the Public Interest
12	Q:	Please describe how EMW's acquisition of a 50% interest in McNew is in the public
13		interest.
14	A:	As discussed further in more detail by other Company witnesses, and my Direct Testimony
15		on pages 22 and 23, McNew is in the public interest because the facility will ensure that
16		EMW is able to provide safe and adequate service to its customers. McNew will provide
17		grid reliability and economic benefits are both necessary and convenient for public service
18		and public interest. This is discussed further in detail in Mr. VandeVelde's Supplemental
19		Direct Testimony. Additionally, adding McNew is consistent with the Commission's,
20		Staff's, and especially OPC's position that EMW needs to invest in Company owned
21		dispatchable generation resources instead of relying on the SPP wholesale market.

## 1 IV. SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT FOR EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S 50% 2 INTEREST IN VIOLA AND 100% INTEREST IN MULLIN CREEK # 1 UNDER CCN 3 <u>RULE AND THE TARTAN FACTORS</u>

4 Q: Are there sections of your testimony pertaining to Viola and Mullin Creek #1 that
5 need updated in regard to the CCN Rule?

6 A: Yes. EMW will provide updates regarding cost estimates, financing, resource planning7 modeling analysis, and the RFP.

### 8 Q: Per Section (6)(C) of the CCN Rule, please provide any cost estimates that need to be 9 updated for Viola and Mullin Creek #1.

10 A: As discussed further by Company witness Mr. Olson, and discussed herein under Section 11 III(A), Evergy received EPC contractor bids for the Viola and Mullin Creek # 1 facilities 12 and has established updated cost estimates. The updated cost estimate for Viola was close 13 to the cost previously stated in Evergy's November filings. The bids received for Mullin 14 Creek # 1 were higher than previously estimated but are well supported by EPC bids 15 and by the CCN Supplemental Direct modeling analysis. The updated cost estimates for 16 Viola and Mullin Creek #1 are set forth in Mr. Olson's Supplemental Direct 17 Testimony. Additionally, as discussed further by Mr. Olson and herein under Section 18 III(A), EMW has finalized a PIE Supply Agreement with Mitsubishi Power Americas. 19 The final cost figure for Viola was consistent with the estimated costs previously provided 20 in EMW's November direct testimony. The estimated cost for Mullin Creek # 1's PIE 21 equipment increased from the previous estimate; however, the figure was within the 22 range of estimated prices in the bid proposals.

1 **Q**: Per Section (6)(F) of the CCN Rule, does EMW have the financial ability to acquire, 2 construct, install, own, manage, maintain, and control Viola and Mullin Creek #1? Yes. EMW's plan to finance Viola and Mullin Creek # 1 remain the same as discussed in 3 A: 4 Mr. Grace's Direct Testimony. 5 Is EMW's acquisition of a 50% interest of Viola and 100% interest in Mullin Creek **Q**: 6 #1 consistent with EMW's most recent updated resource planning modeling work? 7 A: Yes. These generation additions are consistent with EMW's "CCN Supplemental Direct" 8 updated resource planning modeling and analysis, as discussed herein as well as Mr. 9 VandeVelde's Supplemental Direct Testimony. Additionally, as stated by Mr. 10 VandeVelde, acquisition of 50% of the Viola CCGT facility corresponds with the 11 additional 355 MW of additional thermal generation called for in 2029 by the preferred

**13** 425MW called for in 2030.

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# Q: Given EMW's "CCN Supplemental Direct" updated resource planning modeling, as stated above, does Viola and Mullin Creek #1 satisfy EMW's need per the *Tartan*factors?

portfolio. In addition, the 440 MW Mullin Creek # 1 SCGT facility corresponds with the

17 A: Yes. As discussed herein and further by Mr. VandeVelde and Mr. Humphrey, EMW's
18 50% interest in Viola and 100% in Mullin Creek # 1 is consistent with the need identified
19 with EMW's "CCN Supplemental Direct" updated resource planning modeling and
20 analysis.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL AND FACTUAL UPDATES/REQUESTS

- 2 Q: Please provide any additional updates pursuant to the Company's request for
  3 Allowance for Funds Used During Accounting ("AFUDC") for McNew, Viola, and
  4 Mullin Creek #1.
- A: The accounting methodologies proposed in the Direct Testimony of Ron Klote related to
  accounting for the jointly owned assets, the use of Joint Ownership and Joint Operating
  Agreements and general accounting for costs related to and incurred in construction of
  jointly owned assets have not changed.

9 Q: Is EMW still requesting that the Commission issue a determination of decisional

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#### prudence for the facilities?

Yes. As discussed in my Direct Testimony, the "Application, supporting exhibits, 11 A: 12 testimony, and schedules contain every piece of evidence needed to evaluate and make a 13 determination whether it is prudent for the Company to build and acquire these gas facilities for the benefit of EMW customers."<sup>7</sup> In addition to the evidence provided in 14 15 Evergy's direct testimonies, EMW is supplying updated cost estimates, updated resource 16 planning modeling and analysis, and other significantly important information in its 17 supplemental direct testimonies. The Commission has all the necessary information to 18 issue an order of decisional prudence pertaining to these facilities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Kevin Gunn Direct at 24.

# Q: What does EMW recommend to the Commission regarding the potential impacts of President Trump's tariff proclamations?

- 3 A: As discussed by Mr. Jason Humphrey, EMW requests that it be permitted leave, at such
- 4 time, by the Commission to submit adjusted cost estimates to account for any known and
- 5 quantifiable tariff-related impacts or other governmental or economic impacts.
- 6 Q: Does this conclude your testimony?
- 7 A: Yes.

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

Case No. EA-2025-0075

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF KEVIN D. GUNN**

STATE OF MISSORUI	)
	) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON	)

Kevin D. Gunn, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Kevin D. Gunn and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Vice President – State and Federal Regulatory Policy.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Supplemental Direct Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West consisting of seventeen (17) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.

3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

vin D. Gunn

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

4/24/2025

ANTHONY R, WESTENKIRCHNER NOTARY PUBLIC - NOTARY SEAL STATE OF MISSOURI MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2025 PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSION #17279952