

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri)
West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for)
Approval of a Transportation Electrification)
Portfolio)

Case No. ET-2021-0151

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* states:

1. On February 24, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, “Evergy”) applied for approval of a portfolio of transportation electrification programs, variance of Commission rules, authority to defer program costs to a regulatory asset and a finding on the prudence of expansion of its “Clean Charge Network.”

2. On February 25, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice and Setting Deadlines for Intervention Applications and Staff’s Recommendation, which directed Staff to file a recommendation or status report no later than March 29, 2021.

3. On March 29, 2021, Staff filed its Recommendation, stating that after reviewing Evergy’s application and supporting testimony, as well as its specimen tariffs, and Staff does not recommend approval of those specimen tariff sheets as currently constituted. That recommendation was based on significant concerns Staff has with the tariffs and corresponding rate designs, the REC acquisition and retirement program as well as the issue regarding establishing rates for the sale of electricity outside of a general rate proceeding. A further concern Staff has is that Evergy’s request to establish and modify rates is contrary to 393.1655.2 RSMo, which prohibits rate modifications for

a period of three years for utilities electing to use 393.1400's plant in service (PISA) deferral accounting.¹

4. On April 15, 2021, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to File Procedural Schedule, directing Staff to file a procedural schedule or status report by April 26, 2021.

5. Staff believes it will be able to formalize a procedural schedule with parties for filing no later than May 10, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accepts its Status Report, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of April 2021, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Nicole Mers

¹ The only exemptions are for rates promulgated under a statutory rider. There is no statutory rider for electrification or EV charging.