

**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 West     )  
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a     )     File No.: EO-2025-0040  
Evergy Missouri West for the Issuance of a     )  
Depreciation Authority Order Relating to     )  
their Electrical Operations

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST  
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) (collectively “Evergy”, or the “Company”), by and through counsel and, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) *Order Granting Motion for Leave to File Corrected Depreciation Rate Schedules and Directing Response* (“Order”) issued on March 14, 2025, states as follows:

**RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Company is in agreement with Staff (“Staff”) for the Commission’s *Recommendation* (“Staff Recommendation”) and accompanying corrected depreciation rate schedules filed in this docket on February 20, 2025.

**REPLY TO OPC RESPONSE**

2. On February 20, 2025, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its *Response to Staff Recommendation* (“OPC Response”).

3. The Company’s software capitalization policy covers three-year, five-year, ten-year, and fifteen-year depreciable life accounts. Because software is continuously evolving, and with the rapid pace of newer technologies, there is a need for a three-year software life. The majority of the Company’s software purchases are set up with a five-year life, but there are increasing instances (such as Microsoft 2023, for example) where a software package would

already be out of date within three years, and thereby requiring an upgrade to a newer version before the end of the five-year life. The Company's proposed three-year depreciable life account takes into account this new reality of shorter software life.

4. For the reasons above, the Company requests the Commission approve Staff's corrected depreciation schedules.

**WHEREFORE**, the Company submits its response to the Commission's Order.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Roger W. Steiner*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025 to counsel for all parties of record.

*/s/ Roger W. Steiner*

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