

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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) No. EU-2020-0350
for an Accounting Authority Order Allowing the)
Companies to Record and Preserve Costs Related)
to COVID-19 Expenses)

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, “Evergy” or the “Company”) and responds to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) *Order Directing Filing* issued in this docket on September 3, 2020 (“Order”), as follows:

1. On September 3, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* which directed each party to advise to what extent such party now anticipates requesting (1) hearing by telephone or video conference; or (2) appearance of counsel and/or witnesses by telephone or video conference; and (3) the reasons for such anticipated requests. (Order, p. 1)

2. In response, Evergy states that it recognizes the extraordinary situation that is brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with regard to the safety of Commission personnel, other parties to this case, and Evergy’s team. Evergy’s primary preference is to meet the needs of the Commission and the other parties to this proceeding. More specifically, the Company is willing to participate in person (particularly if the Commissioners desire to be in the hearing room), or to participate by telephone or video conference if that is the desire of the Commission and/or the other parties. The Company is also not opposed to conducting the hearing through a combination of these methods if that works best for the Commission and the other parties.

3. Evergy recognizes that the safety of the Commissioners and other participants needs to be paramount, but also wants to accommodate the desires of the Commission. As such, Evergy will follow the directives of the Commission and participate in whatever manner the Commission feels is most appropriate.

4. One alternative that is acceptable to Evergy would be for Evergy's local counsel to be present in the hearing room to make an opening statement and address any logistical issues, while the Company witnesses and other counsel would participate remotely by video or telephone.

5. Evergy requests that the Commission indicate its preference, to the extent it has one, under these extraordinary circumstances, and Evergy will make its best efforts to accommodate the desires of the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Evergy submits this response to the Commission's Order.

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 counsel for all parties this 16th day of September 2020.

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