

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
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

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 June 23, 2020 (“Order”), as follows:

1. The Order requests the Company assist the Commission in establishing a procedural order in this case, specifically by:

[...] (1) clarifying whether Evergy requests a Commission order with an effective date of December 31, 2020, or earlier; and (2) if so, identifying the purposes served by such an order and the consequences of an order effective on a later date.

2. In response, Evergy states that if the Commission grants authority to defer financial impacts resulting from COVID-19, Evergy would prefer to begin recording those deferrals in 2020 financial results because COVID-19 began affecting Evergy in 2020. In addition, to the best of undersigned counsel’s knowledge and belief, Evergy expects the parallel proceeding on this topic currently pending before the Kansas Corporation Commission to resolve in time that a grant of deferral authority in that proceeding could be reflected on 2020 financial results. An order from the Commission authorizing deferral is required in order for Evergy to record the deferral in its financial books and records. Because the 2020 financial books do not close until late January or

early February 2021, an order in this proceeding by December 18, 2020, with a 30-day effective date would enable Evergy to achieve that objective.

3. An order in this proceeding later than December 31, 2020, with a 30-day effective date could put achievement of that objective at risk.

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 26th day of June 2020.

/s/ Robert J. Hack

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