BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)	
Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)	File No. ET-2020-0133
Evergy Missouri West for a Variance from the)	
Commission's Billing and Payment Standards)	

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO'S AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S <u>STATUS REPORT</u>

COMES NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro") and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West") (collectively, the "Company") and submits the following *Status Report* ("Status Report") to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission"), and states as follows:

- 1. On February 26, 2020, Staff for the Commission ("Staff") submitted its *Staff Recommendation* ("Recommendation") indicating that the Commission should reject the requested variance.
- 2. On February 28, 2020, the Company submitted its *Response to the Recommendation* ("Response"). In it, the Company indicated:

Staff [and the Company] have been in discussions regarding the variance for several months and these discussions are continuing. Instead of issuing an order setting a prehearing conference, the Company suggests the Commission allow the settlement discussions to continue. The Company will file periodic reports updating the Commission on the status of the negotiations. Should the Staff and Company be unable to come to an agreement, the Company will make the Commission aware. ¹

¹ <u>See</u> Evergy Missouri Metro's and Evergy Missouri West's Response to Staff Recommendation, p. 1, ¶3, filed in this docket on February 28, 2020.

3. The Company and Staff have been actively engaged in discussions concerning a possible resolution of this matter. These discussions have been constructive and are continuing at this time.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West file this Status Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been emailed to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel this 13th day of April 2020.

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