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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

KIMBERLY H. WINSLOW

ON BEHALF OF

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO
and EVERGY MISSOURI WEST**

**Kansas City, Missouri
January 2022**

DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
KIMBERLY H. WINSLOW
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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Kimberly H. Winslow. My business address is 1200 Main Street, Kansas
3 City, Missouri 64105.

4 **Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?**

5 A: I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. and serve as Sr. Director, Energy Solutions for
6 Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and
7 Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”).

8 **Q: Who are you testifying for?**

9 A: I am testifying on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West
10 (collectively, “Evergy” or “the Company”).

11 **Q: What are your responsibilities?**

12 A: I lead Evergy’s Energy Solutions team within the Community and Customer Solutions
13 Division. I am responsible for developing and executing on Evergy’s customer
14 products and services strategy for demand-side management programs, distributed
15 energy resources, customer renewables programs, beneficial electrification and home
16 protection services and retail solar programs. My team also supports planning and
17 analytics pertaining to product development. In addition, my team is responsible for
18 working cross collaboratively with our Regulatory team to offer choice-based rates. I
19 have a team of about 30 persons who are focused on product delivery to drive increased
20 customer satisfaction and collaborate with customers on sustainable solutions.

1 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

2 A: I graduated from Missouri University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of
3 Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1990. In 1994, I graduated from
4 Rockhurst University with a Master of Business Administration degree. I began my
5 career at Black & Veatch in 1990 as an equipment engineer in its Gas, Oil and
6 Chemicals Division and then transferred to Black & Veatch’s Management Consulting
7 Division. As a project manager and consultant, I worked on various projects for
8 electric, gas, water and wastewater municipal and investor-owned utilities, ranging in
9 scope from long-term electric and natural gas demand and energy forecasts to
10 regulatory matters such as cost of service, rate design, depreciation studies and
11 valuation studies.

12 In December 2007, I began my employment with KCP&L as a Senior Energy
13 Consultant working with KCP&L’s large industrial customers. In 2009, I assumed the
14 position of Manager of Energy Efficiency. In 2011, I transferred to our Generation
15 Division as a Senior Quantitative Analyst. In September 2013, I began leading the
16 Energy Solutions team, which at that time, included economic development, products
17 and services, key accounts and the business center teams. Since the merger of Great
18 Plains Energy, Inc. and Westar Energy, Inc. that created Evergy, Inc., my role has been
19 focused solely on leading products and services, and I am currently the Senior Director
20 of Energy Solutions. I am also a Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri.

1 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Missouri Public Service**
2 **Commission (“Commission” or “MPSC”) or before any other utility regulatory**
3 **agency?**

4 A: Yes, I have testified before both the MPSC and the State Corporation Commission for
5 the State of Kansas (“KCC”).

6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

7 A: The purpose of my testimony is to outline three main reasons supporting the
8 Company’s MEEIA Cycle 3 extension filing. The reasons are 1) Allow time for
9 Evergy’s 2021 Triennial IRP process to complete; 2) Allow time for Evergy to
10 complete a new DSM potential study to inform MEEIA Cycle 4 and; 3) Avoid press of
11 business due to the level of regulatory activity in 2022.

12 **Q: Why is the Company proposing to extend its MEEIA Cycle 3 plan?**

13 A: The Company’s MEEIA Cycle 3 is approved through December 31, 2022. As
14 mentioned in the purpose of my testimony, the Company is proposing to extend its
15 MEEIA Cycle 3 plan for an additional 12 months (through December 31, 2023) for the
16 following reasons:

- 17 1) Allow time for Evergy’s 2021 Triennial IRP¹ process to complete.

18 There is a strong connection between MEEIA DSM planning and the Chapter 22 IRP
19 process. MEEIA programs are evaluated as a demand-side resource in the IRP process.
20 Through this process it is determined if and how these programs fit into the Company’s
21 preferred approach to deploy generation resources and meet customer demands now
22 and in the future. Evergy’s 2021 Triennial IRP is working its way through the

¹ EO-2021-0035/0036 – Evergy Triennial Integrated Resource Plan filing.

1 regulatory process to gain final insight to the outcome. We expect the 2021 Triennial
2 IRP process to complete by Q2 2022. Based on previous experience, this is not an ideal
3 amount of time to then develop a new portfolio of programs for MEEIA Cycle 4, which
4 can take up to 6-9 months in addition to the minimum 180 day regulatory approval
5 process.

6 2) Allows time for Evergy to complete a new DSM potential study to
7 inform its MEEIA Cycle 4. A potential study serves as the foundation for developing
8 a DSM portfolio. Evergy's most current DSM potential study² was completed in 2020
9 and was used to inform Evergy's 2021 Triennial IRP. Allowing time to complete a
10 new DSM potential study for MEEIA Cycle 4 to start in 2024 may alleviate concerns
11 from stakeholders who have expressed interest in having updated information to
12 evaluate the progress of energy efficiency adoption. An updated DSM potential study
13 will also allow consideration for newer technologies and reflect baseline changes.

14 3) Avoid press of business regulatory activity in 2022. Pursuant to 4 CSR 4240-
15 20.090(10), Evergy filed a general rate case on January 7, 2022. The rate case will
16 follow an 11-month approval process and include significant involvement from many
17 stakeholders. Additionally, the Company has indicated to stakeholders that it will file
18 its first securitization authorization case in 2022, following the recent statute approval
19 in Missouri allowing for recovery of costs from February 2021 Storm Uri. The
20 Company's one-year extension request of MEEIA Cycle 3 is a less complicated filing
21 than requesting a new three-year MEEIA Cycle 4 during a year with other significant
22 regulatory proceedings underway.

² Evergy DSM Potential Study – Final Report; ICF International (October 2020).

1 **Q. What are the implications if the Company is not able to extend the current**
2 **MEEIA Cycle 3 by one year as proposed?**

3 A. The implications that would result essentially are the converse to the reasons above.
4 For example, in order to create a new MEEIA Cycle 4 offering for January 2023, the
5 Company would not have sufficient time to take into account the resolution of feedback
6 from the IRP process or incorporate a new DSM potential study for the latest
7 representation of market technologies and customer adoption potential. Also, the other
8 significant regulatory activity in 2022 could cause burden on the process to explore a
9 new MEEIA offering. These factors combined could lead to a significant chance to
10 cause a disruption in program offerings that leads to customer confusion, loss of overall
11 market momentum and increased cost on a future re-start.

12 **Q. What changes is the Company proposing for this one-year extension?**

13 A. Company witness Brian File provides detail regarding the proposed adjustments to
14 Eversys's existing, approved MEEIA Cycle 3 programs and impact to total portfolio
15 budget, savings targets and cost effectiveness. He also addresses the Company's
16 earnings opportunity request.

17 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

18 A. Yes, it does.

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

In the Matter of Kansas City Power & Light)
Company's Notice of Intent to File an) File No. EO-2019-0132
Application for Authority to Establish a Demand-)
Side Programs Investment Mechanism)

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri)
Operations Company's Notice of Intent to File an) File No. EO-2019-0133
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AFFIDAVIT OF KIMBERLY H. WINSLOW

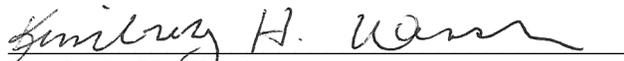
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Kimberly H. Winslow, being first duly sworn on her oath, states:

1. My name is Kimberly H. Winslow. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Senior Director, Energy Solutions.

2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West consisting of five (5) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned dockets.

3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Kimberly H. Winslow

Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of January 2022.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/26/2025

