

# Exhibit No. 854

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Dear Andy:

Evergy has been working with the City over the past months to explore and understand concerns about the street lighting service you receive. We stand ready to continue that effort, but construction projects underway at Mitchell Woods Businesses Park and in the Shoppes of the North Village retail area compel us to address the developer buy-down process you wish to utilize there. This process of having developers install lights, transfer ownership and then have the lights served and maintained under a special rate is not supported by the Evergy Missouri West tariffs. At the time of the consolidation of the former Aquila rates under KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations, the City of St. Joseph was notified that the developer buy-down process would no longer be available to the City as it was not contained in a tariff.

We understand your desire to maintain the developer installation program when developing new subdivisions or districts, but Evergy does not offer a rate that can be applied to the lighting installed in this fashion and being considered for these imminent projects. In examining the current tariffs, we believe that the following options are available to the City:

1. Have Evergy install and maintain the streetlights under the current tariff rates.
2. The City could utilize an "Municipal Off-Peak Lighting Service Electric" tariff rate which provides metered energy for lights installed and maintained by the City or a third party operating on the City's behalf. The tariff provides an option for unmetered service in situations where metering is impractical.

Regarding the two new projects presently under construction. We are willing to visit with you further to discern which of the above listed options would be your best choice as to how to proceed.

Sincerely,

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