

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)	
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)	
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)	<u>File No. EO-2025-0154</u>
Evergy Missouri West for Approval of New)	
and Modified Tariffs for Service to Large)	
Load Customers)	

POSITION STATEMENT OF RENEW MISSOURI

COMES NOW, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri (“Renew Missouri”) and for its *Position Statement* states as follows:

Position: Renew Missouri does not take a position on Issues A-K and M-S at this time but reserves the right to take a position on issues based on evidence presented at the hearing.

L. What studies should be required for customers to take service under the LLPS tariff?

Position: Renew Missouri does not oppose the studies outlined in the *Rebuttal Testimony of Geoff Marke* being required.

- T. Should the proposed additional riders, be authorized by the Commission at this time*
- a. The Customer Capacity Rider?*
 - b. The Demand Response & Local Generation Rider?*
 - c. The Renewable Energy Program Rider?*
 - d. The Green Solution Connections Rider?*
 - e. The Alternative Energy Credits Rider?*
 - f. The Clean Energy Choice Rider?*

Position: Renew Missouri supports the Customer Capacity Rider, the Demand Response and Local Generation Rider, the Renewable Energy Program Rider, the Green Solution Connections Rider, and the Clean Energy Choice Rider. Renew Missouri does not take a position on the Alternative Energy Credits Rider at this time.

A. Renew Missouri supports the Customer Capacity Rider. This program not only reduces demand stress on Evergy's system by supplying additional power, but it also allows for an efficient use of low-cost power. In many instances, the local generation is also a renewable form of generation, which we are generally in support of due to its low price, predictable generation patterns, and being a locally produced source of power.¹

B. Renew Missouri supports the Demand Response and Local Generation Rider. This program not only reduces stress on the overall grid and helps keep costs lower for *all* customers, but it also encourages energy efficiency and a conscious use of resources. This program will "induce reductions in consumption, either through demand shifting or conservation during hours with the highest" demand. In many instances, local generation is also a renewable form of generation.²

C. Renew Missouri supports the Renewable Energy Program Rider. Each REC purchased will account for the production of 1 MWh of zero-emissions energy. Not only will RENEW help customers reach their own sustainability goals, but this program will also generate revenue for all Evergy customers. Furthermore, there are Evergy customers who already purchase or wish to purchase RECs, so there is already established demand for such a program.³

D. Renew Missouri supports the Green Solution Connections Rider (GSR). Not only will GSR help customers reach their own sustainability goals, but it will also help Evergy reach their stated sustainability goals of Scope 1 and 2 net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.

¹ *Rebuttal Testimony of Jessica Polk Sentell*, p. 6, l. 4-9.

² *Id.* at p. 6, l. 18- p. 7, l. 3.

³ *Id.* at p. 8, l. 6-10.

Furthermore, generation resources utilized for this rider program have already or will go through the IRP process, contributing to the Company's long-term resource planning process. The benefits of C&I customers participating in the GSR include mitigating future bills, supporting additional renewable energy resources, making a positive environmental impact, and taking a leadership position in supporting solar growth and green energy.⁴

F. Renew Missouri supports the Clean Energy Choice Rider (CER). Not only will CER help customers reach their own sustainability goals, but it will also help Evergy reach its sustainability goal of attaining net-zero carbon emissions by 2045, aid in the retirement of Evergy's coal plants, and help cover the costs of adding said sustainable generation to Evergy's grid. In Evergy's own words, their sustainability goals "promote positive financial and environmental performance." Increased clean energy choices will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and thus improve conditions for better health of Missourians as well.⁵

U. *Should the Commission order a community benefits program as described in the testimony of Dr. Geoff Marke?*

Position: Renew Missouri does not oppose implementation of a community benefits program.

WHEREFORE, Renew Missouri respectfully submits its *Position Statement*.

⁴ *Id.* at p. 8, l. 19 – p. 9, l. 7.

⁵ *Id.* at p. 7, l. 10-16.

Respectfully,

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