BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing to Change the)	
Name of Kansas City Power & Light Company)	File No. EN-2020-0063
to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)	Tariff No. JE-2020-0045

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Staff Counsel's Office, and files the Staff Recommendation proposing approval of the Name Change Tariff No. JE-2020-0045 filed by Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L"), and herein states it has no objection to Commission approval of KCP&L's Request For Variance Or Waiver Of Sixty-Day Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D)(for good cause shown). In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

- 1. On September 6, 2019, KCP&L filed with the Commission a name change electric tariff changing KCP&L's name to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro, effective October 7, 2019. Also on September 6, 2019, KCP&L separately filed a Request For Variance Or Waiver Of Sixty-Day Notice. On September 9, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff To File Recommendation no later than September 19, 2019.
- 2. On September 17, 2019, KCP&L filed a Motion To Late-File Documents with the Commission. KCP&L sought to file the following documents with the Commission, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(B) and (5)(B): Evergy Metro Inc, Name Change Certificate Missouri Secretary of State, and Evergy Metro Inc, Certificate of Good Standing Missouri Secretary of State.
- 3. On September 18, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Sustaining Motion To Late-File in which it sustained KCP&L's Motion To Late-File Documents.

- 4. Attached as Exhibit 1 is the Staff Memorandum Recommendation of Robin Kliethermes, Staff Rate & Tariff Examination Manager, which Recommendation states, in part, that "Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheet [Tariff No. JE-2020-0045] and recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet [P.S.C. MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 0.1], with an effective date of October 7, 2019."
- 5. Staff has also reviewed KCP&L's Request For Variance Or Waiver Of Sixty-Day Notice, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D)(for good cause shown), and has no objection to the Commission granting the requested variance or waiver.
- 6. WHEREFORE as Staff relates in the attached Staff Memorandum Recommendation, Staff proposes approval of KCP&L's Name Change Tariff Sheet and as Staff states above, Staff has no objection to the Commission granting the requested variance or waiver of the sixty-day Notice requirement for good cause shown.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Steven Dottheim

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 19th day of September, 2019.

/s/ Steven Dottheim

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

File No. EN-2020-0063 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2020-0045

Kansas City Power & Light Company

FROM: Robin Kliethermes, Rate & Tariff Examination Manager

/s/ Natelle Dietrich 9/19/19 /s/ Steven Dottheim 9/19/19
Director, Commission Staff / Date Staff Counsel Division / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Kansas City Power & Light Company's ("KCPL")

revised tariff sheet to reflect Evergy Metro, Inc. adopting the tariffs of KCPL.

DATE: September 19, 2019

KCPL Filing

On September 6, 2019, KCPL filed with the Commission one (1) tariff sheet bearing an issue date of September 6, 2019, and an effective date of October 7, 2019. The tariff sheet reflects KCPL's name change to Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and adopts the tariffs of KCPL. On September 17, 2019 KCPL filed two documents: Evergy Metro, Inc. Certificate of Name Change –Missouri Secretary of State and Certificate of Good Standing – Missouri Secretary of State to comply with Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060.

Background

Following the Commission's Order in EM-2018-0012 Great Plains Energy Incorporated and Westar Energy merged and Evergy, Inc. ("Evergy") was created as a holding company owning, directly and indirectly, subsidiary operating utility companies. KCPL provides that KCPL and KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO") are both direct subsidiaries of Evergy and have decided to change their legal names to, respectively, Evergy Metro, Inc. and Evergy Missouri West, Inc.

The rate area formerly denominated as KCPL will be known as Evergy Missouri Metro and the rate area formerly denominated as GMO will be known as Evergy Missouri West.

Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheet and recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of October 7, 2019.

P.S.C. MO. No. 7	
Original Sheet No. 0.1	

The Staff has verified that KCPL is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. The Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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for a Name Change to Evergy Metro,)	
Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)	
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AFFIDAVIT OF ROBIN KLIETHERMES

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	SS
COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW ROBIN KLIETHERMES and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

ROBIN KLIETHERMES

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this ________ day of September 2019.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: December 12, 2020
Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public