

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

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West’s Request for)
Authority to Implement a General Rate) File No. ER-2024-0189
Increase for Electric Service)

MECG STATEMENT OF POSITION

COMES NOW the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG), and for its Statement of Position, respectfully states:

Issue: In this case, should the Commission determine it is prudent for Evergy to renew its firm point-to-point transmission service agreement with Entergy Corp. before it expires in February 2029?

Position: **The testimony in this case indicates that keeping the Crossroads facility in its current location is likely the least cost option compared to the alternatives presented. That being the case, Evergy should begin negotiations to extend the point-to-point transmission service agreement. However, the Commission should: 1) reject Evergy’s request to pre-determine it would be prudent for the Company to extend the transmission path agreements with Entergy and 2) reject Evergy’s request to pre-authorize it to recover Crossroads’ transmission costs from customers. The prudence of these actions should be determined only when the terms of the contract and cost assignment are known.**

The options presented by Evergy indicate a least cost scenario for customers, but this path presented by the Company ignores the imprudent decisions and inaction leading to this point. These underlying issues make the cost assignment inseparable from the decisions related to Crossroads. Moreover, the unknown terms of a contract add an additional reason to withhold judgement on the prudence of the contract itself.

WHEREFORE, MECG submits its Statement of Position.

Respectfully,

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