

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)	
Evergy Missouri Metro’s Demand Side)	
Investment Mechanism Rider Rate)	File No. ER-2020-0154
Adjustment and True-Up Required by)	Tariff No. JE-2020-0093
20 CSR 4240-20.093(4))	

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West,)	
Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West’s)	
Demand Side Investment Mechanism)	File No. ER-2020-0155
Rider Rate Adjustment and True-Up)	Tariff No. JE-2020-0094
Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4))	

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO AND EVERY MISSOURI WEST’S
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER**

COMES NOW Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, the “Company”), and submits its response to *Order Directing Filing* to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

1. The Commission seeks clarification from the Company as to why a Commission order moving the date of staff’s recommendation by 30 days is more advantageous than the Company withdrawing its existing DSIM filing and filing a new DSIM tariff filing with a March 1, 2020 effective date.

2. Due to vacation days taken during the holidays by Company personnel, refiling the DSIM rider tariff on or after January 1, 2020 to include projected MEEIA 3 costs was not the preferred method for the Company. Instead, it is more efficient for the Company to use the existing DSIM rider filing and supplement with additional testimony after January 1, 2020 when personnel are back in the office. The Company has shared the MEEIA 3 projected costs with Staff and OPC but is not able to include these costs in a filing until after the MEEIA 3 compliance tariffs become

effective on January 1, 2020.

3. The Company agrees that Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093 requires a Staff recommendation on a DSIM rider tariff no later than 30 days after the tariff is filed. In effect, the Company's December 23, 2019 request to file supplemental testimony was a request for a variance from that rule as the filing requested that the due date for Staff's recommendation be moved to February 1, 2020. The Company makes its formal request for variance from that rule in this filing. Good cause exists for a variance from the rule. By moving the 30-day recommendation deadline, the Staff will have adequate time to review the projected MEEIA 3 costs. By including MEEIA 3 costs in the DSIM rider, the costs which the Commission authorized in its MEEIA 3 Order will be recovered over a longer time period, resulting in less volatility in future rates charged to customers under the rider tariff.

4. **WHEREFORE**, the Company requests the Commission issue an order at its December 30, 2019 agenda session approving this motion, allowing the Company to supplement its testimony and granting the Staff additional time, until February 1, 2020, to file its recommendation herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, to all counsel of record in this case on this 26th day of December 2019.

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