

**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 Evergy) No. EU-2021-_____
Missouri West for an Accounting Authority)
Order Allowing the Companies to Record and)
Preserve Costs Related to the February 2021 Cold)
Weather Event)

NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”)(collectively “Evergy” or the “Company”), by and through counsel, and file this *Notice of Intended Case Filing* (“Notice”). In this regard, the Company respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. Evergy Missouri Metro is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. It is engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity in western Missouri and eastern Kansas, operating primarily in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Evergy Missouri Metro is an “electrical corporation” and a “public utility” subject to the jurisdiction, supervision, and control of the Commission under Chapters 386 and 393. Evergy Missouri Metro’s certificate of good standing was filed in Case No. EN-2020-0063 and is incorporated by reference pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(G).

2. Evergy Missouri West is a Delaware corporation with its principal office and place of business at 1200 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105. Evergy Missouri West is primarily engaged in the business of providing electric and steam utility service in Missouri to the public in

its certificated areas. Evergy Missouri West is an electrical corporation and public utility as defined in Section 386.020 (2000), as amended. *Id.* A Certificate of Authority for a foreign corporation to do business in the State of Missouri, evidencing the Evergy Missouri West's authority under the law to conduct business in the State of Missouri, was filed with the Commission in Case No. EN-2020-0064 and is incorporated herein by reference in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(G). Evergy Missouri West's fictitious name registration was filed in Case No. EN-2020-0064 and is incorporated herein by reference.

3. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(1) Any person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission and shall include a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice. The filing of such notice shall initiate a new noticed case and be assigned an appropriate case designation and number. If the expected case filing is subsequently made, it shall be filed in the noticed case. If the expected case filing is not made within one hundred eighty (180) days, the noticed case shall close.

4. Beginning in the second week of February 2021, sub-zero temperatures and bitterly cold wind chills across a broad swath of the country, including the Midwest region, caused increased energy demand and natural gas supply constraints, and utilities began experiencing wholesale natural gas price increases from significantly higher than normal (the "2021 winter weather event"). The natural gas supply constraints and extreme weather also impacted the availability of generation units and contributed to extremely high wholesale electricity prices in the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") during the 2021 winter weather event. The Company intends to file an application seeking an Accounting Authority Order ("AAO") from the Commission authorizing Evergy to track and defer for future recovery in a regulatory asset extraordinary costs related to the 2021 winter weather event. The Company may seek a waiver, pursuant to 20 CSR

4240-4.017(1)(D) so that it can file the application earlier than 60 days from the date of this Notice. Issues regarding the nature and magnitude of the actual costs related to the 2021 winter weather event are likely to be before the Commission in this docket.

5. Regarding the requirement in Rule 4.017(1) that a 60-day notice of filing include “a summary of all communications regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to the filing of the notice”, Evergy verifies that there have been no ex parte communications regarding issues likely to be in the noticed case between Evergy and the office of the Commission within the 90 days prior to the filing of this Notice. Beginning on February 13, 2021 with Commission Staff and beginning February 14, 2021 with the office of the Commission and continuing through February 18, 2021, Evergy discussed the 2021 winter weather event, including operational considerations: the potential and actual need for customer conservation measures; SPP announcements of Energy Emergency Alerts (“EEA”) of Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3; SPP directives for Evergy to shed load; SPP permission to restore load; and the resumption of normal operations. In addition, on February 25 and 26, and March 8, 2021, Evergy advised the office of the Commission of projections of the potential costs related to the 2021 winter weather event and that Evergy was evaluating the appropriateness of measures to mitigate the impact of such costs on customer rates.

WHEREFORE, the Company submits to the Commission and its Secretary this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 9th day of March 2021, to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Robert J. Hack

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