

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

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro’s)
Request for Authority to Implement) File No. ER-2026-0143
a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF VELVET TECH SERVICES, LLC

Velvet Tech Services, LLC, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075 of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and this Commission’s February 9, 2025, *Order Giving Notice, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, Setting a Deadline to Respond to the Test Year, and Directing a Proposed Schedule*, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states as follow:

1. Velvet Tech Services, LLC (“Velvet”) sited a new hyperscale enterprise data center near Kansas City, Missouri.¹ That facility is served by Evergy Missouri West.
2. On February 6, 2025, Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy”) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase of approximately \$140.4 million or 15.19% for its electric services.
3. Velvet seeks to intervene because the Commission’s actions herein could affect Velvet’s interests.
4. Velvet has the potential to be one of Evergy West’s largest customers, such that it has an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public. Velvet’s interest will not and cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

¹ <https://datacenters.atmeta.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Meta-Kansas-City-Data-Center.pdf>.

5. Evergy Metro and Evergy West’s tariffs are substantially similar. The process by which the Evergy Metro rate increase is approved or not approved, and decisions on revenue allocation, rate design and proposed rates are very likely to have a significant impact on how the Commission addresses the next rate case for Evergy West, and so Velvet has an interest in this proceeding different from that of the general public. The Commission has previously granted applications to intervene for Evergy Metro customers in Evergy West cases. *See e.g.* EO-2022-0061 (granting Google’s intervention in the Evergy West MKT docket) based on similar considerations. The interest is even more important now as Evergy work towards potential consolidate. *See* EW-2025-0220.

6. Further, Evergy has stressed the importance of consistency in approaching large load customers across separate utilities. *See* Evergy’s Application to Intervene in ET-2025-0184 (“A consistent approach throughout the state will maximize economic development opportunities and allow for consistent regulation. Consistency also benefits customers who risk differing rate treatment and cost sharing simply by virtue of geography.”). The Commission granted Evergy’s application in the Ameren Large Load Tariff docket, citing “sufficient commonalities.”).

7. Velvet does not yet have a position on the issues in this case due to the recency of the case filing, and the inability to conduct discovery without being a party to the case. Velvet reserves the right to take positions on specific issues as this case proceeds and anticipates adopting formal positions on the issues in its position statements that may be filed in this case.

8. Velvet’s intervention will serve the public interest by assisting the development of the record for the Commission’s decision in this case.

9. Correspondence or communications regarding this application,

including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, Velvet Tech Services, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting its Application to Intervene and that it be made a party hereto with all rights to participate in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon all of the parties of record or their counsel, pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission on February 27, 2026.

/s/ Stephanie S. Bell