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OF

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EVERGY METRO, INC. d/b/a EVERGY MISSOURI METRO

**Kansas City, Missouri
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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is Sierra Heins. My business address is 818 South Kansas Ave, Topeka,
3 Kansas 66612.

4 **Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?**

5 A: I am employed by Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and serve as Director – Corporate
6 Accounting for Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri
7 Metro”), Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri
8 West”), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro (“Evergy Kansas Metro”), and
9 Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy South, Inc., collectively d/b/a as Evergy Kansas
10 Central (“Evergy Kansas Central”) the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.

11 **Q: What are your responsibilities?**

12 A: My current responsibilities include oversight of various accounting tasks such as
13 accounting for energy efficiency programs, leases, equity compensation, debt, equity,
14 investments, and pension and post-retirement.

15 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

16 A: I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with a major in Accounting and a
17 Masters of Business Administration from Emporia State University. I am a Certified
18 Public Accountant for the State of Kansas. I joined Westar in 2017 as an individual
19 contributor and held multiple positions in Accounting in the areas of property
20 accounting, financial accounting, large transmission project controls and external

1 reporting. In 2023, I was promoted to Manager, Financial Accounting, in 2025 I was
2 promoted to Senior Manager - Corporate Accounting and in 2026 I became Director –
3 Corporate Accounting.

4 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding before the Missouri Public Service**
5 **Commission (“MPSC” or “Commission”) or before any other utility regulatory**
6 **agency?**

7 A: No, this is my first written testimony before the MPSC.

8 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

9 A: The purpose of my testimony is to support the rate schedule filed by Evergy Missouri
10 Metro to adjust the Demand Side Investment Mechanism (“DSIM”) Rider. My
11 testimony will explain the change to the DSIM components based upon actual
12 performance in the six-month period ending April 2026, as well as forecasted
13 performance through June 2027 for Cycle 3 Throughput Disincentive (“TD”), Cycle 4
14 Program Costs (“PC”), and Cycle 4 TD. In addition, Earnings Opportunity (“EO”) for
15 Cycle 3 (2022 and 2024 program years) and Cycle 4 (2025 program year) are included
16 in this rider update.

17 The proposed change in rates will result in a decrease to a residential customer’s
18 rate from \$0.00296 to \$0.00143 per kWh, or a decrease of \$1.53 for every 1,000 kWh
19 used. Please see the table below for a comparison by rate schedule of proposed DSIM
20 rates to currently effective rates and the impact to a customer using 1,000 kWh.

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Rate Schedule	Total Proposed DSIM (\$/kWh)	Total Current DSIM EO-2026-0138 (\$/kWh)	Change Increase/ (Decrease) (\$/kWh)	Incr/(Decr) to Customer Bill (for every 1,000 kWh's used) (\$)
Residential Service	\$0.00143	\$0.00296	(\$0.00153)	(\$1.53)
Non-Res Service – SGS	\$0.00142	\$0.00603	(\$0.00461)	(\$4.61)
Non-Res Service - MGS	\$0.00054	\$0.00633	(\$0.00579)	(\$5.79)
Non-Res Service – LGS	\$0.00238	\$0.00123	\$0.00115	\$1.15
Non-Res Service – LPS	\$0.00245	\$0.00004	\$0.00241	\$2.41

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3 **Q: Please explain the projected costs.**

4 A: Evergy’s Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (“MEEIA”) Cycle 4 Portfolio was
5 included in the September 27, 2024 Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in Case
6 No. EO-2023-0369 and approved by the Commission on December 11, 2024 for
7 Program Years 1-3 beginning January 2025. The budget caps and floors for May 2026
8 through June 2027 MEEIA Cycle 4 projected PC amounts are included in this rider
9 update.

10 **Q: What are the MEEIA rule requirements for adjustments of DSIM rates?**

11 A: The requirements for adjustment of DSIM rates are found in Commission rules 20 CSR
12 4240-20.093(4). In summary, the requirements outline that the update filing include
13 applicable DSIM rate tariff sheets, supporting testimony, and inclusion of the following:

- 14 A) Amount of revenue that was over-collected or under-collected through the most
15 recent recovery period by rate class.
- 16 B) Proposed positive or negative adjustments by rate class.
- 17 C) Electric utility’s short-term borrowing rate.
- 18 D) Proposed adjustments to the current DSIM rates.

- 1 E) Complete documentation for the proposed adjustments to the current DSIM
- 2 rates.
- 3 F) Any additional information the Commission ordered to be provided.
- 4 G) Annual report as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.093(9).

5 As part of my Direct Testimony, I have included the information required for update of
6 the DSIM rate in the attached Schedules SH-1 and SH-2. The 2025 Demand-Side
7 Program Annual Report for MEEIA Cycle 3 and Cycle 4, referenced in Item G above,
8 was filed on March 31, 2026, in Case No. EO-2026-0254.

9 **Q: Are you sponsoring this information?**

10 A: Yes, I am.

11 **Q: Please explain why Evergy Missouri Metro has filed an adjusted DSIM rate**
12 **schedule at this time?**

13 A: The Commission's rule governing DSIM filings and submission requirements for
14 electric utilities specifically 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4) requires Evergy Missouri Metro to
15 make at least annual adjustments of DSIM rates that reflect the amount of revenue that
16 has been over/under collected. Evergy Missouri Metro's DSIM tariff requires two semi-
17 annual rate adjustments to become effective February 1 and August 1 of each year.
18 Based upon actual and estimated performance during the six-month time period(s),
19 DSIM rates may be adjusted up or down.

20 **Q: Please describe the various DSIM rate components that make up the proposed**
21 **DSIM rate.**

22 A: As the MEEIA Cycle 4 DSIM tariff describes, the DSIM rate components consist of 1)
23 PC, TD and EO for the MEEIA Cycle 4 Plan and TD and EO for the MEEIA Cycle 3
24 Plan; 2) Reconciliations, with interest, to true-up differences between revenues billed

1 under the DSIM rider and total actual monthly amounts for PC, TD, EO and any
2 remaining true-ups or unrecovered amounts for Cycle 3 and Cycle 4; and 3) any Ordered
3 Adjustments (“OA”) for Cycle 3 and Cycle 4.

4 **Q: How did you develop the various DSIM rate components that make up the**
5 **proposed DSIM rate?**

6 A: As the DSIM tariff for MEEIA Cycle 3 describes, the DSIM rate components consist
7 of projected TD for MEEIA Cycle 3 programs for May 2026 through June 2027 as well
8 as the reconciliation of actual and expected PC, TD, EO and OA for Cycle 3 through
9 April 2026. The MEEIA Cycle 3 TD included in this filing are actual levels of program
10 participation after May 31, 2022, the true-up date in the most recent general rate case.
11 Secondly, as the DSIM tariff for MEEIA Cycle 4 describes, the DSIM rate components
12 include projected PC and TD for MEEIA Cycle 4 programs for May 2026 through June
13 2027 as well as the reconciliation of actual and expected PC, TD, and OA for Cycle 4
14 through April 2026. The MEEIA Cycle 4 costs included in this filing are current
15 forecasted levels of program participation and related costs.

16 **Q: Please describe the amount of EO that has been included in this filing.**

17 A: The EO included in this filing, calculated in accordance with Tariff Sheet Nos. 49X,
18 49AB, and 49.10, consists of: (1) Cycle 3 2022 program year EO TD adjustments based
19 on verified MWh savings; (2) Cycle 3 2024 program year EO adjustments based on
20 actual program cost spend; and (3) Cycle 4 2025 program year EO based on actual
21 program cost spend. The MEEIA Cycle 3 tariff provides for the recovery of the EO
22 over 12 months. The Company took the total adjusted EO and divided that amount by
23 the 12 months and has included an EO amount for the current EP, or six-months
24 beginning July 2026, plus the succeeding EP as described on tariff Sheet No. 49S. An

1 EO amount totaling \$17,434 for Cycle 3 has been included in the calculation of the
2 DSIM rate in this filing. The MEEIA Cycle 4 tariff provides for the recovery of the EO
3 over 12 months. The Company took the total adjusted EO and divided that amount by
4 the 12 months and has included an EO amount for the current EP, or six-months
5 beginning July 2026, plus the succeeding EP as described on tariff Sheet No. 49.2. An
6 EO amount totaling \$306,216 for Cycle 4 has been included in the calculation of the
7 DSIM rate in this filing. The sum of the PC, TD, EO and OA amounts are divided by
8 the projected billed retail kWh sales, excluding opt-out sales, by rate class for August
9 2026 through July 2027 to develop the proposed DSIM rates.

10 **Q: If the rate schedule filed by Evergy Missouri Metro is approved, what safeguards**
11 **exist to ensure that the revenues the Company bills to its customers do not exceed**
12 **actual DSM Program Costs, TD incurred, as well as the earnings opportunity or**
13 **performance incentive?**

14 A: Evergy Missouri Metro's DSIM Rider mechanism and the Commission's rules provide
15 two mechanisms to ensure that amounts billed to customers do not exceed Evergy
16 Missouri Metro's actual, prudently incurred DSM PC, TD and EO. First, at the end of
17 each recovery period, the Company is required to true up amounts billed to customers
18 through the DSIM Rider based upon PC and TD actually incurred during that six-month
19 period. Per MEEIA rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4), these adjustments will be supported
20 by complete documentation and workpapers that demonstrate the need for DSIM rate
21 adjustment. All proposed adjustments and supporting documentation are subject to
22 review by MPSC Staff and all MEEIA stakeholders. Second, per MEEIA rule 20 CSR
23 4240-20.093(11), Evergy Missouri Metro's DSIM is subject to periodic prudence
24 reviews by MPSC Staff to ensure that only prudently incurred PC and TD are billed to

1 customers. These two mechanisms serve as checks to ensure that the Company's
2 customers pay only the prudently incurred, actual PC and TD resulting from
3 implementation of MEEIA DSM programs.

4 **Q: Has Evergy Missouri Metro made any adjustments to the DSIM calculation?**

5 A: No, there are no changes to the DSIM calculation in this filing.

6 **Q: Has Evergy Missouri Metro been subject to any prudence reviews by MPSC Staff?**

7 A: Yes. Evergy Missouri Metro has been through seven prudence reviews.

8 **Q: Are there any issues impacting this filing as a result of the prudence reviews
9 conducted by MPSC Staff?**

10 A: Yes, most recently in the seventh prudence review covering the period of April 2023 to
11 March 2025, Case No. EO-2025-0324, on January 7, 2026, the Commission approved
12 the Stipulation and Agreement filed on December 9, 2025, where the Company agreed
13 to make an adjustment of \$34,888, or \$14,000 in re-allocation of SaaS Tracking and
14 \$20,888 plus interest to reduce MEEIA expenses. The ordered adjustment to reduce
15 expenses included in this filing is \$20,888 plus interest of \$3,956 for a total of \$24,844.

16 In the previous sixth prudence review covering the period of April 2021 to
17 March 2023, Case No. EO-2023-0407, on June 26, 2024, the Commission approved the
18 Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 10, 2024, where the Company agreed to not
19 seek recovery through its DSIM for any gifts or awards given to employees or
20 contractors, any promotional items not specific to MEEIA programs, any events with
21 alcohol provided or any sponsorships when a membership has already been purchased.

22 In the fifth prudence review covering the period of January 2020 through March
23 2021, Case No. EO-2021-0417, on July 21, 2022, the Commission approved the
24 Stipulation and Agreement filed on July 1, 2022, where the Company agreed and in

1 DSIM filing, Case No. ER-2023-0183 included a credit of \$20,464 to return disallowed
2 program costs from the review period of January 2020 through March 2021 and a credit
3 of \$459,718 to resolve the alleged Home Energy Reports TD double-recovery issue.

4 **Q: What action is Evergy Missouri Metro requesting from the Commission with**
5 **respect to the rate schedule that the Company has filed?**

6 A: The Company requests the Commission approve the rate schedule to become effective
7 August 1, 2026.

8 **Q: Does that conclude your testimony?**

9 A: Yes, it does.