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1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 A: My name is James (JP) Meitner. My business address is 818 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka,
3 Kansas.

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 Market Operations
6 for Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”), Evergy Missouri West,
7 Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro
8 (“EKM”), and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy Kansas South, Inc., collectively
9 d/b/a as Evergy Kansas Central (“EKC”) the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.

10 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

11 A: I am testifying on behalf of EMW.

12 **Q: What are your responsibilities as the Director Market Operations?**

13 A: I oversee the day-to-day operations of the Evergy jurisdictions in the Southwest Power
14 Pool’s (“SPP”) Integrated Marketplace. My team is responsible for daily load and wind
15 forecasts, demand bids, generation offers, fuel and transportation procurement, real time
16 communication between generating plants and SPP, and analytics.

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

2 A: I graduated from Washburn University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Business Administration
3 in Finance and Economics. I graduated from Baker University in 2009 with a Master of
4 Business Administration. I began my utility career with Westar Energy, Inc. in 2004. I have
5 held several positions at Westar Energy, Inc. and Evergy, Inc., in power marketing (Evergy
6 Energy Partners) including Trading, Transmission Congestion Rights Manager, and
7 Manager of Real-Time Operations.

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

11 A: Yes. I have provided testimony in past dockets before both the MPSC and the State
12 Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“KCC”).

13 **Q: What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?**

14 A: The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is respond to the rebuttal testimony of Staff
15 witness Hull related to demand response resources.

16 **Q: Staff witness Hull states at p. 6 that SPP recognizes Dispatchable Demand Response**
17 **Resources and Block Demand Response Resources, and that SPP demand response**
18 **can bid into energy and ancillary-services markets and can count toward a utility’s**
19 **resource-adequacy obligation and capacity accreditation. Would these options help**
20 **Evergy achieve its resource adequacy requirement needs?**

21 A: Yes, per Evergy’s discussions with SPP, Evergy, as the Load Responsible Entity (“LRE”),
22 can utilize Evergy market registered DR (such as Dispatchable Demand Response
23 Resource or Block Demand Resource) programs in our Resource Adequacy (“RA”)

1 workbooks to reduce our net peak demand. Evergy does not currently have any market
2 registered programs for Block Demand Response or Dispatchable Demand Response.
3 Dispatchable Demand Response Resources and Block Demand Response Resources
4 participating in SPP outside of LRE programs cannot be utilized in Evergy's Resource
5 Adequacy workbooks to reduce the Company's net peak demand. Therefore, if approved
6 by the Commission, using Evergy's approach with Nucor will allow EMW to claim the
7 accredited capacity in the resource adequacy process at SPP. On the contrary, if Nucor
8 participated outside of Evergy's program, they would not be able to be claimed in the EMW
9 resource adequacy process, nullifying the system wide benefits.

10 **Q: According to Staff witness Hull, Nucor should participate in SPP's Block Demand**
11 **Response Resource program over the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act**
12 **("MEEIA") ("BDR") program because of SPP's stronger measurement, verification,**
13 **and settlement requirements. Is this an appropriate comparison?**

14 **A:** No, this is not an appropriate comparison. SPP defines the separate measurement and
15 verification requirements for both market registered programs as well as programs utilized
16 for resource adequacy only. Evergy's MEEIA BDR program meets the measurement and
17 verification requirements for its intended purpose of satisfying resource adequacy. It is not
18 intended to meet SPP's market registered requirements. The more stringent measurement
19 and verification requirements for market registered programs is for energy and ancillary
20 services. Nucor's participation in an alternate Evergy program other than MEEIA
21 BDR would provide no additional resource adequacy benefit over MEEIA BDR.

1 **Q: In theory, could other Evergy demand response programs, like its Market Based**
2 **Demand Response (“MBDR”) program or Voluntary Load Reduction tariff, as**
3 **described by Company witness File, potentially be recognized by SPP to contribute**
4 **towards Evergy’s resource adequacy requirements?**

5 A: Yes, from SPP’s perspective a program like Evergy’s MBDR or the Voluntary Load
6 Reduction tariff could get credit towards Evergy’s resource adequacy requirements through
7 reducing Evergy’s net peak demand. However, as Company witness File describes in
8 detail, in reality MBDR program participation does not provide that benefit because that
9 benefit has already been accounted for through the MEEIA BDR program and the
10 Voluntary Load Reduction tariff does not currently meet SPP’s requirements to be
11 qualified as market registered.

12 **Q: Do these alternative demand response programs referenced above as they exist today**
13 **help EMW achieve its resource adequacy needs?**

14 A: The short answer is no, and this is explained in detail by Company witness File. Neither
15 the MBDR program or the Voluntary Load Reduction tariff requires customers to have
16 demand response resources that are compliant with the SPP tariff and SPP Marketplace
17 Protocol requirements and can provide sustainable load reduction during a curtailment
18 event.

1 **Q: Could Evergy make modifications to the current design of these other demand**
2 **response programs so they could support Evergy’s resource adequacy requirements**
3 **from SPP?**

4 A: Company witness File testifies why this would be inconsistent with the original intent of
5 those program designs and inappropriate related to Evergy’s request before the
6 Commission.

7 **Q: Staff witness Hull suggests that as an alternative to the MEEIA BDR program**
8 **Evergy’s customers may participate either directly or through third-party**
9 **Aggregators of Retail Customers (“ARCs”) demand response programs. Would this**
10 **option still help Evergy achieve its resource adequacy requirement needs?**

11 A: No. In SPP this activity would be for the energy or ancillary markets and does not address
12 Evergy’s resource adequacy needs. In SPP, only Evergy as the LRE receives resource
13 adequacy value through its programs. The only way ARC programs would benefit Evergy
14 towards resource adequacy requirements would be through their involvement as a vendor
15 to an Evergy program like BDR.

16 **Q: Please summarize your testimony.**

17 A: For the reasons I explained above, Mr. Hull’s suggested alternatives to customers’
18 participation in the Company’s MEEIA BDR program, as well as his suggested alternatives
19 for the Company to meet resource adequacy requirement needs instead of through its
20 MEEIA BDR program, are not viable.

21 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 A: Yes, it does.

