

**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 a General Rate Increase for Electric) **Case No. ER-2022-0129**
Service)

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West’s Request for Authorization)
To Implement a General Rate Increase for Electric) **Case No. ER-2022-0130**
Service)

**EVERGY MISSOURI METRO’S AND EVERGY MISSOURI WEST’S
RESPONSE TO STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT PROPOSED TARIFF
SHEETS RIDER AND MOTION TO OPEN A NEW DOCKET**

COME NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) (collectively, “Evergy” or “the Company”) and, for their *Response* (“Response”) to Staff (“Staff”) for the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) *Recommendation to Reject Evergy Metro and Evergy Missouri West’s Proposed Tariff Sheets Rider and Motion to Open a New Docket* (“Recommendation”) filed on June 2, 2023, state as follows:

1. The Company agrees to Staff’s request to open an EO docket so that Staff may conduct a 45-day construction audit of the Company’s cost and generation projections related to the Hawthorn solar facility and address any necessary updates to the current Commission-approved Solar Subscription Pilot (“SSP”) tariffs. In its quarterly report filed on March 3, 2023 in EA-2022-0043, the Company indicated that the Hawthorn solar facility was completed approximately seven months after groundbreaking and the facility began providing electricity for the benefit of customers on January 11, 2023. The Company has also provided Staff with documentation of completion of the in-service criteria but does not believe an in-service determination needs to be made until the

Company's next rate case where the Company will propose that the Hawthorn facility be added to rate base.

2. Upon establishment of the requested EO docket, the Company intends to withdraw the SSP tariffs that it filed on May 19, 2023 (YE-2023-0206; YE-2023-0208) and will refile the tariffs after the completion of the EO docket to update the Commission-approved SSP tariffs currently in effect.

3. However, the "appropriate rate plan" issue discussed on p. 4 of Staff's Recommendation, which the Company understands to be made up of the Time-of-Use ("TOU") and the Service and Access charge issues contained in Staff's Recommendation should not be addressed in the EO docket, which will be focused on Staff's construction audit. The Company will file a new ET docket by June 30, 2023 for those issues to be addressed.

WHEREFORE, the Company submits its Response to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served upon counsel for all parties on this 7th day of June 2023, by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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