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

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In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and the Company's Approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism

File No. ER-2022-0025 Tariff No. JE-2022-0024

## **MECG REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED**

1. On February 10, the Commission issued its Order setting an oral argument for February 18, 2022.

2. Undersigned counsel had planned to be out of town on February 18 and had hoped that he would be back in time for the oral argument. Because of the winter weather counsel will not be in attendance at the oral argument and asks to be excused.

3. Counsel realizes that the need for the oral argument may have been caused by his lack of understanding of Staff's position. Given the clarification that was brought about by Staff's briefing in this case, MECG now withdraws its position and supports Staff's position. Specifically, MECG agrees that 100% of the net revenues (extraordinary revenues less extraordinary costs) should be returned to ratepayers in the context of the fuel adjustment clause without application of the 95% / 5% sharing mechanism.

WHEREFORE, MECG respectfully requests to be excused from the February 18 oral argument.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by email, facsimile or First Class United States Mail to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

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Dated: February 17, 2022