BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for an Accounting Authority Order Allowing the Companies to Record and Preserve Costs Related to COVID-19 Expenses

File No. EU-2020-0350

Public Counsel's Response to Order Directing Expedited Filing

The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) responds to the Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order Directing Expedited Filing as follows:

1. On November 2, 2020, the Commission ordered certain parties to respond to a revised List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening Statements, and Order of Cross-Examination filed by the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG). The Commission noted that the newest List of Issues did not contain Issue 1(a) that the prior version of the List of Issues contained.

2. MECG later responded to the Commission's Order on November 3, 2020, and explained that Issue 1(a) was left off the revised List of Issues by mistake.

3. OPC agrees, and advises that the Commission should utilize the prior version of the List of Issues, filed on September 9, 2020, for a complete list of issues. The later version filed by MECG should only be relied upon for an updated order of witnesses, opening statements, and cross-examination.

WHEREFORE, the OPC responds to the Commission's Order Directing Expedited Filing.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 5th Day of November, 2020, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

/s/ Caleb Hall