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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Authority to Issue Debt Securities.

File No. EF-2023-0241

#### STATUS REPORT

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**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Status Report, states as follows.

1. On February 27, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Metro") submitted an application requesting authorization to issue General Mortgage Bonds in principal amount up to \$300,000,000, through December 31, 2023, in order to refinance existing 3.15% Senior Notes which are due March 15, 2023, as well as seek funds for capital investments.

2. Evergy Metro also seeks expedited treatment of its financing application, requesting that the Commission order on the application be effective no later than March 21, 2023, to allow it to participate in the reopening of capital markets. Evergy Metro further requested waiver of the 60-day notice requirement under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

3. On February 28, 2023, the Commission ordered Staff to file an expedited recommendation regarding Evergy Metro's application, and if Staff needs to additional time to prepare a recommendation, then it may request additional time.

4. Staff has issued initial data requests and additional data requests to aid in its review, provide feedback, and continue discussions. In order to provide sufficient time to analyze the acquired data and information from Evergy Metro and complete its

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investigation, Staff requests an additional 14 days in which to complete its review and file its recommendation.

5. Staff proposes to submit its recommendation by March 24, 2023.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report for the Commission's information and consideration, and hereby prays the Commission order Staff to file its recommendation in this matter on March 24, 2023; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

# /s/ J. Scott Stacey

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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

## /s/ J. Scott Stacey