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)
and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a) File No. EU-2020-0350
Evergy Missouri West for an Accounting)
Authority Order Allowing the Companies to)
Record and Preserve Costs Related to)
COVID-19 Expenses)

ORDER DIRECTING STATUS REPORT

Issue Date: October 5, 2020 Effective Date: October 5, 2020

On July 1, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* and set a hearing date of September 30-October 1, 2020. On September 28, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively "Evergy"), filed a *Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule*, requesting the Commission immediately suspend the procedural schedule to permit the parties to pursue settlement discussions. On September 28, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Procedural Schedule and Continuing Hearing*, which directed Evergy to file a status report no later than October 5, 2020.

On October 5, 2020, Evergy filed a status report indicating the parties are actively engaged in discussions and settlement among at least some parties is likely. Evergy proposes that no later than October 13, 2020, it will file a settlement agreement or a status report. Evergy advises all parties have been informed of Evergy's status report to the Commission and no party objects to Evergy's proposal.

The Commission will order the filing of a status report or agreement as proposed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. No later than October 13, 2020, Evergy shall file either a settlement agreement or a status report to advise the Commission whether the parties' discussions are likely to produce an agreement.
 - 2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of October, 2020.