

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
West for Permission and Approval of)
Certificates of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own)
Operate, Manage, Maintain, and Control)
Two Solar Generation Facilities)

File No. EA-2024-0292

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Status Report* in response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation* (“Order”) respectfully states as follows:

1. On October 25, 2024, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) filed an application with the Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Sections 393.170 RSMo., requesting certificates of convenience and necessity (“CCN”) authorizing EMW to construct, install, own, operate, manage, maintain, and control two solar generating facilities in Wilson County, Kansas and Jasper County, Missouri.

2. The Commission issued its Order on October 30, 2024, directing Staff to file a recommendation or, in the alternative, a status report stating when it expects to file a recommendation. The Commission directed Staff to make such a filing no later than December 16, 2024.

3. Staff has submitted approximately 36 Data Requests (“DRs”) to EMW as of the date of this filing, and all responses to the initial DRs are due on or by December 31, 2024.

4. Based on its initial analysis of EMW's application, in order for Staff to continue to conduct relevant discovery and have the necessary time to draft its recommendation, Staff requests the Commission issue an order directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than Monday, March 17, 2025. Staff will endeavor to file its recommendation earlier if possible.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report*, and recommends the Commission issue an order directing Staff to submit its recommendation no later than Monday, March 17, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 16th day of December, 2024.

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