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

In the Matter of Evergy West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Submission of its 2021 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report

File No. EO-2022-0286

#### STAFF REPORT ON EVERGY MISSOURI WEST'S 2021 ANNUAL RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE REPORT

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its *Staff Report on Evergy Missouri West's (EMW's) 2021 Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report* respectfully states as follows:

1. On April 15, 2022, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("EMW" or "Company") filed its 2021 Annual Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Compliance Report ("Compliance Report") as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8). The Company also requested a waiver for the requirements of Rule 20 C.S.R. 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) to substitute invoices or another reasonable substitute when meter readings are not available.

2. On April 18, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file its report by May 31, 2022.

3. On May 23, 2022, Staff requested an extension to file its report on July 15, 2022, in order to give EMW time to respond to additional data requests from Staff and allow Staff the necessary time to analyze and incorporate EMW's responses in its report. This extension was approved by the Commission, and on July 1, 2022, EMW provided a Revised Report to Staff.

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4. On July 14, 2022, Staff requested an extension until August 5, 2022, to prepare its recommendation once the Revised Report was filed by EMW. This extension was approved by the Commission on July 15, 2022, and on July 25, 2022, EMW filed its Revised Report.

5. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the Company's request for a limited waiver from the requirements of Rule 20 C.S.R. 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) to substitute invoices or another reasonable substitute when meter readings are not available for energy purchases from Gray County, Ensign, Osborn, Prairie Queen, Pratt, Rock Creek, and Cimerron Bend III wind farms.

6. Rule 20 C.S.R. 4240-20.100(8)(A) specifies the minimum required information the utility must provide in its annual RES Report.

7. Staff has conducted its review of EMW's Revised Report as discussed in detail in the attached Memorandum, heretofore known as Attachment A, and states that the EMW has achieved compliance with RES requirements for the 2021 compliance year.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its report for the Commission's information and consideration and requests the Commission issue an Order granting the Company's for limited waiver from the of request а requirements Rule 20 CSR. 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) to substitute invoices or another reasonable substitute when meter readings are not available for energy purchases from Gray County, Ensign, Osborn, Prairie Queen, Pratt, Rock Creek, and Cimerron Bend III wind farms, and granting such other and further relief the Commission deems proper under the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

### <u>/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr</u>