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

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension* 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 ("Sunflower Sky") and Jasper County, Missouri ("Foxtrot").

2. The Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation 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. Staff requested, and the Commission approved, March 17, 2025 as the date for the filing of Staff's recommendation regarding this matter.

3. However, on February 27, 2025, EMW informed Staff, in regards to the Sunflower Sky project, **

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4. Staff is actively pursuing discovery regarding this development. EMW has expedited responses for a number of data requests issued by Staff addressing the Sunflower Sky matter.

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5. The possibility of separating the Sunflower Sky project from the Foxtrot project was discussed, with Staff filing a recommendation on March 17 that would only cover Foxtrot. However, it was decided to keep the projects together rather than seek an extension only for Staff's recommendation regarding Sunflower Sky.

6. Staff is continuing to pursue discovery and discuss Sunflower Sky with EMW. In order to ensure that Staff has the necessary time to complete its recommendation, Staff respectfully requests an extension for filing its recommendation in this matter. Staff anticipates filing its recommendation no later than April 17, 2025. Staff will endeavor to file sooner, if possible.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Motion for Extension*, and requests the Commission issue an order granting Staff's request herein and directing Staff to submit its recommendation no later than Thursday, April 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 all parties and/or counsel of record this 14th day of March, 2025.

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