

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI 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 Evergy)
Missouri West for an Accounting Authority)
Order Allowing the Companies to Record)
and Preserve Costs Related)
to COVID-19 Expenses)

File No. EU-2020-0350

STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Response* to the Commission’s September 3, 2020 *Order Directing Filing*, states as follows:

Staff does not anticipate requesting an evidentiary hearing by telephone or video conference, but Staff does not object to the Commission hosting a virtual evidentiary hearing in this matter, should the Commission decide such is necessary. If the evidentiary hearing in this matter is held in-person, Staff’s counsel can appear in-person, but due to the recommendations of medical professionals to limit in-person interactions because of the health risk of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to certain Staff witnesses and their immediate family members, Staff anticipates it will need to request that one or more of its witnesses be granted the ability to appear by telephone or video conference.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its *Staff Response* for the Commission’s consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 16th day of September, 2020, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers