

**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. EO-2025-0154**
Evergy Missouri West for Approval of New)
and Modified Tariffs for Service to Large)
Load Customers)

STAFF RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through undersigned counsel, and for its *Response to Commission Order* respectfully states as follows:

1. On February 14, 2025, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“EMW”) and Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“EMM”) (collectively “Evergy”) filed an application (“Application”) with the Commission for approval of a Large Load Power Service (“LLPS”) and associated tariffs.

2. Evergy’s Application included a proposed procedural schedule that contemplated the filing of a Staff recommendation/rebuttal on April 14, 2025, and an evidentiary hearing being held, if needed, from June 9-11, 2025.

3. The Commission subsequently issued its *Order and Notice* (“Order”) on February 26, 2025. The Order directed Staff to file a response to Evergy’s proposed procedural schedule no later than March 12, 2025.

4. Staff and the Data Center Coalition (“DCC”)¹ were the only parties to respond to Evergy’s proposed procedural schedule. Staff requested an order rejecting

¹ The DCC, Nucor Steel Sedalia, LLC, Velvet Tech Services, LLC, Google LLC, Sierra Club, and Renew Missouri Inc. were all granted approval to intervene in these proceedings via Commission order on March 20, 2025.

Evergy's proposed procedural schedule, and for the Commission to direct Staff to file a date for the filing of its recommendation/rebuttal, or a status report, no later than April 4, 2025. This would provide Staff the necessary time to review Evergy's initial Data Request ("DR") responses in order to determine when Staff can file its recommendation/rebuttal in this matter.

5. The DCC proposed a new procedural schedule that contemplated the filing of Staff's recommendation/rebuttal and intervenor testimony no later than May 23, 2025.

6. Having reviewed responses from Evergy to Staff's initial DRs, Staff requests the Commission issue an order setting May 27, 2025 as the date for Staff to file its rebuttal/recommendation in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order directing Staff to file its recommendation/rebuttal no later than May 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Travis J. Pringle