BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro For Authority to Issue Debt Securities.

File No. EF-2023-0241

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO'S RESPONSE TO STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro" or "the Company"), by and through counsel and, for its *Response to Status Report* ("Response") filed by Staff ("Staff") for the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on March 7, 2023 ("Status Report"), states as follows:

1. On February 28, 2023, the Commission ordered Staff to submit its recommendation in this case by March 10, 2023. In its Status Report, Staff requests additional time until March 24, 2023 to file its recommendation.

2. The Company understands Staff's need for additional time to review the Company's Application but requests that Staff's recommendation be filed on or before March 17, 2023. As explained in its Application, the Company will enter a securities trading blackout period the second week of April 2023. The Company requests an ability to access the capital markets before the upcoming April blackout period and therefore requests a financing order from the Commission effective on or before March 31, 2023. Staff's request for a March 24, 2023 recommendation likely means an order will not be issued until the Commission's March 28, 2023 agenda and the March 31, 2023 date will not be met.

3. The Company has met with Staff to provide information regarding its Application and commits to have additional meetings as requested by Staff. The Company has discussed this response with Staff and Staff has indicated that a March 17 recommendation date is acceptable

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provided the Company provide certain data request responses in a timely manner. The Company

agrees to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Company submits this Response to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and copy of the foregoing application was emailed on this 8th

day of March 2023, to the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel.

|s| Roger W. Steiner

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