

3. Because Evergy's existing programs will expire on February 1, 2020, which is prior to the 240 day deadline in the docket, Evergy requested in its Application that if the Commission could not issue its final order in this docket by February 1, 2020, it issue an order prior to that date

allowing for continuation of the five DSM programs at issue in this Application until further order of the Commission.

4. Staff has notified Evergy that it will not complete its Report and Recommendation in the above-captioned docket in time for the Commission to issue an order prior to February 1, 2020. As a result, Staff agreed to file this Joint Motion asking the Commission to temporarily extend the five DSM programs at their current budgets which are addressed in the above-captioned docket until the Commission issues its final order in the docket. This will avoid an interruption of the five programs and allow Evergy to continue operating those programs at their current budgets until Staff can complete its Report and Recommendation and the Commission issues its final order on Evergy's Application.

WHEREFORE, Staff and Evergy respectfully request that the Commission approve a temporary extension of the tariffs for the portfolio of DSM programs proposed in this Application until the Commission issues its final order in the docket.

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