

**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 Authority to Implement Rate)	<u>File No. ER-2023-0210</u>
Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-)	Tracking No. JE-2023-0117
20.090(8) and the Company's Approved)	
Fuel Purchased Power Cost Recovery)	
Mechanism)	

STAFF RESPONSE ON INTERIM TARIFF

COMES NOW, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and for its *Staff Response on Interim Tariff* states the following:

1. On February 22, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Rejecting Tariff to Change Fuel Adjustment Rates. The Order set a prehearing conference for March 13, 2023 and instructed the parties to "...determine whether there is any part of the proposed adjustment not now in question that could be included in an interim FAC tariff revision."

2. At the prehearing conference on March 13, 2023, the judge ordered the parties to make a filing no later than March 17, 2023 with regard to any agreement or disagreement on an interim FAC tariff revision.

3. The parties have not been able to reach an agreement as to what part of the proposed adjustment is "not now in question".

4. After discussions with Evergy Missouri West and the Office of the Public Counsel, Staff views Evergy Missouri West's proposal that approximately \$40 million should be included in an interim FAC tariff to be most appropriate. This amount is closer to the last two Accumulation Periods ("APs"), where the Company recovered \$44.6 million in AP30 and \$47.5 million in AP29. In neither of these two APs were the costs considered extraordinary, and in neither of those cases nor this case are the costs related to an

extraordinary event. However, Staff understands that the Office of the Public Counsel's position that approximately \$18.7 million should be included in an interim FAC tariff is an amount truly "not now in question." Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 (8)(I) states: "The Commission may order the electric utility to file tariff sheet(s) to implement interim adjusted FARs to reflect any part of the proposed adjustment that is not in question." [emphasis added]

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this Staff *Response on Interim Tariff* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the parties and/or their counsel of record by U.S. Postal Service postage prepaid, or by hand, or served electronically, on this 17th day of March, 2023.

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