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9 Q. Please state your name and business address.

10 A. Amanda C. Conner, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

11 Q. Are you the same Amanda C. Conner who has filed direct, rebuttal, surrebuttal
12 and true-up direct testimony in this case?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What is the purpose of your true-up rebuttal testimony?

15 A. The purpose of my true-up rebuttal testimony is to update Staff's Fuel
16 Adjustment Clause ("FAC") base factors. I will also address company witness Linda J. Nunn
17 true-up direct testimony schedules LJM-9 in regards to changes made to the FAC tariff's
18 Jurisdictional factor ("J factor") for Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("EMM").
19 Lastly, I will be addressing the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") witness Lena M. Mantle's
20 true-up direct testimony recommending the inclusion of Renewable Energy Credit ("REC")
21 revenues to EMM's and Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's ("EMW")
22 FAC Base Factor.

23 **REVISED BASE FACTOR**

24 Q. What is Staff recommending for EMM's and EMW's True-Up Rebuttal
25 Base Factors?

1 true-up direct base factor calculation for EMM. All of these errors are fixed and incorporated
2 into the base factors provided above.

3 **CHANGES TO FAC TARIFF**

4 Q. Where did Ms. Nunn make changes in her schedules LJM-9?

5 A. Ms. Nunn changed the J factor on page 13 of LJM-9, which is proposed
6 FAC tariff sheet 50.39.

7 Q. What is the J factor?

8 A. The J factor is the Missouri Retail Energy Ratio. These include Missouri (“MO”)
9 and Kansas (“KS”) Loss percentages.

10 Q. What were the changes, and is this the first time Staff has seen this change to
11 EMM’s FAC tariff sheet?

12 A. Yes, this is the first time Staff has seen this change in the FAC tariff sheet 50.39.
13 EMM MO Losses changed from 6.32% to 6.09%, and the KS Losses changed from
14 7.52% to 6.51%.

15 Q. Where did EMM show the data for the change in the MO and KS Losses?

16 A. Prior to Ms. Nunn’s true-up direct testimony’s schedule LJM-9, these
17 percentages were shown in Table 1 of the Line Loss Study provided in Ms. Nunn’s direct
18 testimony as Schedule LJM-4.² However, in Ms. Nunn’s direct testimony, this change was not
19 made to page 19 of Schedule LJM-5, which is the schedule for the FAC tariff sheets.

20 Q. Has Ms. Nunn provided any testimony, outside of her schedules explaining this
21 change to the FAC J factor?

² Direct Testimony of Linda J. Nunn Schedule LJM-4 page 5 of 61, Table 1, Losses-Net System Input.

1 A. No. Though Staff has no issue with this change, since it can be substantiated
2 by the line loss study, it should be mentioned that this change should have been made in
3 Ms. Nunn's Schedule LNJ-5 since it was filed in her direct testimony.

4 Q. Why is the timing of when Ms. Nunn made this change to the FAC tariff
5 important?

6 A. It is important to note that EMM sent responses to Staff data requests 257.1
7 and 260, where EMM provided updated FAC tariff sheets without filing these tariff updates in
8 this rate case. However yet not one of the responses provided this J factor update. Because of
9 this, Staff had to try to verify where these changes came from after the true-up direct testimonies
10 were filed, which left very little time for any follow-up data requests, if needed, to be sent
11 before true-up rebuttal testimony was due to be filed in this rate case. This is especially
12 important, since Ms. Nunn does not indicate in any of her testimony why these changes
13 were made in true-up direct, or any other testimony she filed in this rate case. If Ms. Nunn had
14 made a change that could not be verified in a quick and efficient manner, this could have
15 caused issues for Staff in verifying the prudence of the changes EMM made.

16 **INCLUSION OF REC REVENUES**

17 Q. In Ms. Mantle's true-up direct testimony, she recommends including REC
18 revenues in the FAC Base Factors. Does Staff agree with Ms. Mantle's recommendation and
19 the amounts she used for her recommendation?

20 A. As Ms. Mantle states in her testimony, EMM and EMW began selling RECs
21 in February 2022, and she provides an amount for generating revenues of these sold
22 RECs. The true-up cutoff date in this case is May 2022. For the months of February 2022
23 through May 2022, Ms. Mantle recommends that ** [REDACTED] ** be included in

1 EMW's revenue requirement and FAC base factor calculation and ** [REDACTED] ** be
2 included in EMM's revenue requirement and FAC base factor calculation. Staff notes that
3 Ms. Mantle's recommendation is only four months of actual revenues, and not annualized
4 amounts. These numbers do tie to the FAC monthly reports. However Staff is of the
5 understanding that the number Ms. Mantle provided for EMM of ** [REDACTED] ** is for
6 Every as a whole and not specific to Missouri; the Missouri specific amount of REC sales for
7 February through May 2022 is ** [REDACTED] **. Although Staff notes these numbers do tie to
8 the FAC monthly reports, the monthly reports include other amounts in account 509 for
9 emissions, so there could be confusion on what specific numbers to use just for REC sales.

10 Staff has not included these amounts in its FAC base factor calculation because there is
11 not enough months' worth of data at this time to make a fair and accurate recommendation.
12 Therefore, Staff does not oppose some amount of revenues being included, but due to a lack of
13 data, Staff is unaware what that amount should be. Staff recommends for all parties to meet
14 and discuss how we should calculate for the sales of RECs and what portion should be included
15 in EMM and EMW's base factors going forward.

16 Staff would also like to reiterate that since adding REC sales to the FAC beginning
17 February 2022, the FAC monthly reports have been difficult to understand what amounts
18 are specific to REC sales and what amounts are specific to Emission allowances, etc, as
19 mentioned above. Therefore, Staff also recommends that account 509000 be broken down by
20 resource codes for REC sales and Emissions and that information be provided in the FAC
21 monthly reports.

22 Q. Does this conclude your true-up rebuttal testimony?

23 A. Yes.

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Service)

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d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for) Case No. ER-2022-0130
Authority to Implement a General Rate)
Increase for Electric Service)

AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA C. CONNER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW AMANDA C. CONNER and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *True-Up Rebuttal Testimony of Amanda C. Conner*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

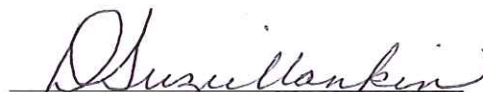
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


AMANDA C. CONNER

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 25th day of August 2022.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070


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