

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri Metro and)
Evergy Missouri West's Notice of Intent to) **File No. EO-2019-0132**
File Applications for Authority to Establish) Tariff Nos. YE-2021-0221
a Demand-Side Programs Investment) and JE-2021-0222
Mechanism)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS AND DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: September 9, 2021

Effective Date: September 9, 2021

On June 3, 2021, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West (collectively "Evergy") filed tariff sheets designed to implement a Pay as You Save[®] (PAYS[®]) pilot program. Evergy filed substitute tariff sheets on September 2, 2021 to comply with a Stipulation and Agreement (Agreement) also filed that day. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of September 13, 2021.

The Evergy Missouri West tariff sheets submitted June 3, 2021, state:

3. Analysis and Assessment fees: The Company will not recover Analysis or Assessment fee costs from participants through a Service Charge. These fees will be treated as Program Administrative costs.

3.1 Participant Close-out fee: Participants will be charged a close out fee of \$490. Should the participant project cost be less than \$2,000, the close out fee will be capped at 25% of the project cost.

The Evergy Missouri West tariff sheets substituted September 2, 2021, state:

3. Analysis and Assessment fees: The Company will not recover Analysis or Assessment fee costs from participants through a Service Charge. These fees will be treated as Program Administrative costs.

3.1 Participant Close-out fee: Participants will be charged a close out fee of \$490. The close out fee is included in the project cost-effectiveness calculation and the Program Service Charge.

The Agreement between the parties submitted for the Commission's approval states in part:

8. Parties also agree to adjust administrative cost limits for the pilot as follows. The Commission's Amended Report and Order, issued on March 11, 2020, in File No. EO-2019-0132, requires the pilot program to include a cap to administrative costs for each individual customer project to a percentage of the total loan costs. However, the administrative costs for this pilot are fixed regardless of the size of the project cost at \$490 per project. Therefore, the parties agree to adjust the administrative cost limits for the pilot:

After examining the tariff sheet changes and the Agreement the Commission is unclear whether the \$490 close out fee would apply to projects that cost less than \$2,000. Or that this tariff provision is a percentage cap on the administrative costs based on the customer's project amount. The Commission wants to know how this close out fee operates. Are projects that cost less than \$2,000 capped at a percentage, are there to be no projects less than \$2,000, or are close out fees handled some other way for projects that cost less than \$2,000?

The Commission will direct the Signatory parties to file a pleading explaining how the \$490 fixed close out fees operate, as well as the logic for having a fixed fee rather than a percentage cap. The Commission will suspend the proposed tariff sheets to allow additional time to evaluate the PAYS[®] pilot program, the Agreement, and proposed tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than September 13, 2021, the signatory parties shall file a joint pleading explaining the fixed close out fee and answering the questions put forth in the body of this order.

2. The tariff sheets assigned Tariff Nos. YE-2021-0221 and JE-2021-0222 are suspended until October 8, 2021.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of September, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 9th day of September, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 9, 2021

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

***Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary***

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