

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 20th day of April, 2023.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
West for Authority to Implement Rate)
Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-)
20.090(8) and the Company's Approved)
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery)
Mechanism)

File No. ER-2023-0210

ORDER APPROVING INTERIM RATE TARIFF

Issue Date: April 20, 2023

Effective Date: May 1, 2023

On December 30, 2022, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (Evergy West), filed a tariff sheet with a proposed rate schedule to adjust charges related to its approved Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC). On January 30, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation in response to Evergy West's proposed FAC rate schedule, recommending that the Commission approve Evergy West's proposed tariff sheet. On February 8, 2023, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its response objecting to the proposed rate schedule and requesting the Commission order Evergy West to file a substitute rate schedule.

On February 22, 2023, the Commission issued its order rejecting Evergy West's tariff sheet to change Fuel Adjustment Rates (FARs). The parties were unable to reach an agreement as to the interim FARs necessary to recover the portion of the originally

proposed FARs not in question.¹ Thus, on April 12, 2023, the Commission issued an order finding that Evergy West's proposed rates to recover greater than \$18,755,192 were the amount in question. The Commission directed Evergy West to file an interim tariff reflecting a Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA) of \$18,755,192.

On April 17, 2023, Evergy West filed its interim tariff revision, Tracking No. YE-2023-0187, with a rate schedule in compliance with the Commission's order of April 12, 2023; however, Evergy West's submittal carried a notice and publication period of less than 30 days as required by Section 393.140(11), RSMo. Also, Evergy West failed to file a motion for expedited treatment, which is required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.065(2).

On April 17, 2023, the Commission issued a notice of deficiency, indicating the defective nature of Evergy West's filing, and Evergy West filed a motion for expedited treatment on the same day. Evergy West requested expedited treatment in order to implement the interim rate on the first day of its next billing cycle. Evergy West states in its motion that it provided copies of undated workpapers, cover letter, and tariff sheet to Staff and OPC. Evergy West also stated that Staff had indicated it had no concerns with a May 1, 2023 effective date. On April 18, 2023, the Commission issued an order shortening time to respond to Evergy West's tariff sheet and motion for expedited treatment by 4:00 p.m. on April 19, 2023. No response has been received.

The Commission has reviewed Evergy West's filings and finds that the tariff sheet implementing interim FARs is in compliance with the Commission's order. The Commission will approve Evergy West's proposed tariff sheet. Additionally, so that the interim FARs may

¹ 20 CSR 4240- 20.090(8)(H).

become effective at the beginning of the billing cycle, the Commission finds good cause for the tariff sheet to become effective with less than 30-days' notice. So that the tariff may become effective on May 1, 2023, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet submitted under Tracking No. YE-2023-0187 on April 17, 2023, by Evergy West, for the purpose of an interim tariff reflecting a Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment of \$18,755,192 until the Commission approves new Fuel Adjustment Rates is approved to become effective on May 1, 2023.

2. The specific tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1
9th Revised Sheet No. 127.23
Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 8th Revised Sheet No. 127.23

3. This order shall become effective on May 1, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge

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 20th day of April, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 20, 2023

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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 "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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