

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 10th day of February, 2021.

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)	
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Tariff)	
Revision to Implement Rate Adjustments)	<u>File No. ER-2021-0185</u>
Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and)	Tracking No. JE-2021-0136
the Company's Approved Fuel and)	
Purchased Power Cost Recovery)	
Mechanism)	
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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy)	
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)	<u>File No. EO-2021-0186</u>
West Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel)	
Adjustment Clause True-Up)	

**ORDER RESOLVING ANNUAL FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE
TRUE-UP AND TARIFF**

Issue Date: February 10, 2021

Effective Date: March 1, 2021

In File Number EO-2021-0186, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West submitted its true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). Evergy Missouri West also submitted an application seeking approval to adjust its Fuel Adjustment Rates (FARs) in File No. ER-2021-0185. Evergy Missouri West requests that the Commission authorize these adjustments and allow them to be implemented by its revised FAC tariff sheet, Tracking No. JE-2021-0136. The tariff bears an effective date of March 1, 2021.

In File No. EO-2021-0186, the true-up amount identified is the result of Evergy Missouri West's under-recovery of \$765,678 from its customers during Recovery Period 24 (RP24), which was the billing months of September 2019 through August 2020. RP24

is the recovery period for and following Accumulation Period 24 (AP24). AP24 was the accumulation months of December 2018 through May 2019. The \$765,678 under-collected amount is included in Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates for Accumulation Period 27 (AP27) in File No. ER-2021-0185. Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's RP24 true-up filing for inclusion in its AP27 adjustment filing in File Number ER-2021-0185.

In File No. ER-2021-0185, the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA) amount is \$9,893,155 for AP27, the four-month period of June 2020 through November 2020. The FPA amount of \$9,893,155 is calculated as the sum of: 1) the fuel and purchased power amount to be recovered from customers for AP24 of \$9,108,397; 2) the interest of \$19,080 from AP24; and 3) the true-up amount from RP24, of \$765,678. Evergy Missouri West's requested adjustment would result in a monthly FAR of \$0.00112/kWh. Based on monthly usage of 1,000 kWh, the proposed change would increase the FAC of a residential non-large customer's monthly bill by \$0.83, from a credit of (\$0.02) to a charge of \$0.81 per month. The FPA will be effective for the billing months of March 2021 through August 2021.

In File No. EO-2021-0186, the Commission's Staff (Staff) noted that File No. ER-2019-0413, covering the 24th accumulation period, was the second FAR filing under Plant in Service Accounting (PISA) where Evergy Missouri West elected to make deferrals. Consequently, in the AP24 FAR filing, the rate cap provisions of Section 393.1655 RSMo were applied. The change in the proposed FAC charge did increase the average overall rate for customers by more than 2.21% compound annual growth rate as described in Section 393.1655.5 RSMo. Under the PISA rules, Evergy Missouri West

removed \$3,533,794 from the FAR filing and included this amount in a separate PISA regulatory asset account that will remain deferred for recovery in a future general rate case. This deferred amount is not subject for recovery in the FAC true-up.

Staff also noted that the presentation of materials and supporting documentation provided in this true-up filing reflects the recovery of Large Power and Non-Large Power revenue separately by voltage: Primary, Secondary, Substation and Transmission as there were separate FAC billing rates by Substation and Transmission voltages, effective September 2019. There is no recovery revenue shown for Non-Large Power Substation or Non-Large Power Transmission voltages because there are no existing billing rates on those voltages. Substation and Transmission voltages are Large Power only.

On January 29, 2021, Staff recommended the Commission issue an interim rate adjustment order to approve Evergy Missouri West's tariff sheet to be effective on March 1, 2021, by operation of law. The Commission set a deadline of February 5, 2021, for any responses to Evergy Missouri West's application and tariff sheet, or Staff's recommendation, but no responses or objections were received.

The Commission has reviewed Evergy Missouri West's true-up filings and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum that support the accuracy of Evergy Missouri West's true-up calculations. Further, the Commission has reviewed Evergy Missouri West's tariff sheet and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum and finds that the tariff sheet implementing the FAC rate adjustment is in compliance with the Commission's Order establishing the FAC and with all applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, although Staff recommended allowing the tariff sheet to become effective by operation of law, the Commission will approve Evergy Missouri West's

unopposed true-up filing and approve Evergy Missouri West's proposed tariff sheet to become effective on March 1, 2021, as an interim rate subject to true-up and prudence review.

To allow the tariff sheet to take effect on March 1, 2021, the Commission will make its order effective in less than 30 days after issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Evergy Missouri West's true-up amount for Recovery Period 24 is approved.
2. Evergy Missouri West's tariff sheet, filed December 30, 2020, and assigned Tariff Tracking Number JE-2021-0136 is approved to be effective March 1, 2021, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff is:

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4th Revised Sheet No. 127.23, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 127.23

3. This order shall become effective on March 1, 2021.
4. These files shall close on March 2, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge