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Mr. Morris Woodruff
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
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Re: Tariff Schedule to Adjust FAC Rate of Evergy Missouri West

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

On December 30, 2022, Evergy Missouri West or the “Company” filed proposed rate schedules to adjust charges related to the Company’s approved Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”) in Case No. ER-2023-0210. Included in this FAC tariff filing for the 31st accumulation period covering June through November 2022, the Company’s Actual Net Energy Costs (“ANEC”) of \$213 million exceeded the base energy costs included in base rates by approximately \$107 million. In accordance with the Commission’s rule and the Company’s approved FAC, Evergy Missouri West filed the FAC tariff for a change in rates to recover 95% of those cost changes, or approximately \$101.5 million before true-up, interest, or ordered adjustment. The tariff submitted reflected recovery of \$56.3 million of FAC-related costs in the fuel adjustment rate effective March 1, 2023, after the PISA deferral of \$47.9 million resulting from exceeding the 3 percent CAGR rate cap.

On January 18, 2023, the Company made a substitute tariff filing to correct an error identified by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) during their review for additional interest applied to the ordered prudence adjustment from Case No. EO-2022-0065.

In Staff’s Recommendation filed on January 30, 2023, Staff recommended the Commission issue an order approving the proposed tariff with ANEC of \$213 million and recovery of \$56.3 million after the PISA deferral of \$47.9 million.

On February 8, 2023, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed its response recommending the Commission reject the proposed tariff and the Company should instead use an average ANEC from three prior accumulation periods of \$123.2 million resulting in a Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (“FPA”) of \$18.7 million to be recovered. OPC recommends the Commission consider 95% of the \$90.1 million difference between actual and average ANEC, or \$85.4 million, for recovery in future rate case.

On February 22, 2023, the Commission issued its *Order Rejecting Tariff to Change Fuel Adjustment Rates*. On February 28, 2023, Evergy Missouri West filed notice of continuation of FAR rates until new rates are approved. On April 12, 2023, the Commission issued Evergy

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Missouri West to file an interim tariff reflecting an FPA of \$18.7 million, which is the amount “not now in question”. The Company is filing this interim FAC tariff revision. The proposed rate schedule bears an issue date of April 17, 2023, and an effective date of May 1, 2023.

The Company is seeking an expedited effective date of May 1, 2023 for this tariff update. Evergy Missouri West’s billing cycle starts on the first of each month as there is no proration of rider rates such as the FAR. The Company has provided updated workpapers, letter and tariff to both MPSC Staff and Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) for review and approval prior to this filing. Staff has indicated that they do not have any issues or concerns with the effective date of May 1, 2023.

Copies of the proposed FAC-related rate schedules and all supporting materials described in this letter will be served electronically, this date, on the Commission’s General Counsel, the Office of Staff Counsel, the Office of Public Counsel, and each party to Case No. ER-2018-0146.

Please provide a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to this filing to the following as well as undersigned counsel:

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