### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up	) ) )	File No. EO-2022-0173
In the Matter of the 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-2022-0174 Tariff No. JE-2022-0193

## ORDER APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE TRUE-UP AND APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT RATES

Issue Date: February 9, 2022 Effective Date: March 1, 2022

In File Number EO-2022-0173, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (EMW) submitted its true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). EMW also submitted an application seeking approval to adjust its Fuel Adjustment Rates (FARs) in File No. ER-2022-0174. EMW requests that the Commission authorize these adjustments and allow them to be implemented by its revised FAC tariff sheet, Tracking No. JE-2022-0193. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of March 1, 2022.

In File No. EO-2022-0173, the true-up amount identified is the result of EMW's over-recovery of \$567,444 from its customers during Recovery Period 26 (RP26), which was the billing months of September 2020 through August 2021. RP26 is the recovery

period for and following Accumulation Period 26 (AP26). AP26 was the accumulation months of December 2019 through May 2020. The \$567,444 over-collected amount is included in EMW's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates for Accumulation Period 29 (AP29) in File No. ER-2022-0174. Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommends the Commission approve EMW's RP26 true-up filing for inclusion in its AP29 adjustment filing in File Number ER-2022-0174.

In File ER-2022-0174, Staff noted that, following the initial filing of a tariff sheet on December 30, 2021, EMW filed a substitute tariff sheet on January 20, 2022. In EMW's substitute tariff filing letter, EMW explained that it had erroneously excluded updating the amounts approved in the 28<sup>th</sup> Accumulation Period, Case No. ER-2022-0005, in the Plant in Service Accounting (PISA) calculation of the Average Overall Rate and Class Average Overall Rate for Large Power (LP) customers. As a result of this correction, there is no PISA adjustment to the LP class.

On December 31, 2018, EMW elected to make the deferrals set forth in Section 393.1400.5, RSMo, effective January 1, 2019 through, at least, December 31, 2023. Based upon its FAR filing, EMW is not required to have separate rates for LP service customers and Non-LP service customers, pursuant to Section 393.1655, RSMo. Nor will the rate changes resulting from this proceeding cause EMW to exceed the average overall PISA rate cap of 3.00% for EMW that is set out in statute.

In File No. ER-2022-0174, the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPA) amount is \$47,488,718 for AP29, the four-month period of June 2021 through November 2021. The FPA amount of \$47,488,718 is calculated as the sum of: 1) the fuel and purchased power amount to be recovered from customers for AP26 of \$47,858,952; 2)

the interest of \$197,210 from AP26; and 3) the true-up amount from RP26, of \$(567,444). EMW's requested adjustment would result in a monthly FAR of \$0.00550/kWh. Based on monthly usage of 1,000 kWh, the proposed change would increase the FAC of a residential customer's monthly bill by \$4.56, from a charge of \$1.94 per month to a charge of \$6.50 per month. The FPA will be effective for the billing months of March 2022 through August 2022.

On January 28, 2022, Staff recommended the Commission issue an order approving EMW's tariff sheet to be effective March 1, 2022. No objections to Staff's recommendation have been filed.

The Commission has reviewed EMW's true-up filings and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum and finds that the true-up filing is correct. Further, the Commission has reviewed EMW'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, the Commission will approve EMW's unopposed true-up filing and approve EMW's proposed tariff sheet to become effective on March 1, 2022, subject to true-up and prudence review.

To allow the tariff sheet to take effect on March 1, 2022, the Commission finds it is reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days after issuance.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. EMW's true-up amount for RP26 is approved.

2. EMW's substitute tariff sheet, filed January 20, 2022, and assigned Tariff Number JE-2022-0193 is approved to be effective March 1, 2022, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff is:

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6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 127.23, Canceling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 127.23

- 3. This order shall become effective on March 1, 2022.
- 4. These files shall close on March 2, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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

Seyer, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

**Secretary** 

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 9, 2022

#### File/Case No. EO-2022-0173 and ER-2022-0174

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

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