

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy West,  
Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Containing Its )  
Semi-Annual Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up )

**File No. EO-2023-0445**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation to Approve True-Up Filing* respectfully states:

1. On June 30, 2023, Evergy Missouri West filed with the Commission, along with direct testimony and supporting schedules of Evergy Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, its fuel adjustment clause (“FAC”) true-up filing under the provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). According to Evergy Missouri West’s true-up filing and agreed settlement in Case No. ER-2023-0210, in the aggregate for RP29 (March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$44,878,064 following its Accumulation Period 29 (“AP29”) (June 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021).

2. Staff reviewed the direct testimony of Evergy Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, the supporting schedules Evergy Missouri West provided with its application in this case, and the monthly information Evergy Missouri West submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

3. Staff notes one item impacting this true-up filing that should be mentioned. In Case No. ER-2023-0210, which was the Company’s Accumulation Period (“AP”) 31 Fuel Adjustment Rate (“FAR”) filing, there was a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 21, 2023. During AP31 there was \$85,420,087 of costs

deferred to future filing. It was agreed to that \$45,262,522 would be carried over to AP32 FAR and the remainder of \$40,157,565 would be included in AP33 FAR. As such, the true-up amount on line 8 is the sum of \$(384,458) over-recovery during RP29 and \$45,262,522 from AP31 adjustment/correction, for a total of \$44,878,064 under-recovery.

4. Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP29, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP29, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

5. As explained in Staff's *Memorandum* filed concurrently herewith, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing reflecting a total under-recovery of \$44,878,064. The under-collected amount will be collected from customers.

6. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2022 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2023-0444 (also filed on June 30, 2023), and the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in File No. ER-2023-0210 pending Commission approval, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing reflecting a total under-recovery of \$44,878,064.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
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FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor

DATE: /s/ Brooke Mastrogiannis 07-31-2023      /s/ Ron Irving 07-31-2023  
Energy Resources Department /Date      Staff Counsel Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation to Approve Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Twenty-Ninth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: July 31, 2023

### **Recommendation**

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's ("Evergy Missouri West") twenty-ninth true-up filing for Recovery Period 29 ("RP29") during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$44,878,064<sup>1</sup> from its customers.

### **Discussion**

On June 30, 2023, Evergy Missouri West filed with the Commission, along with direct testimony and supporting schedules of Evergy Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up filing under the provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). According to Evergy Missouri West's true-up filing and agreed settlement in Case No. ER-2023-0210, in the aggregate for RP29 (March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$44,878,064 following its Accumulation Period 29 ("AP29") (June 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021).

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<sup>1</sup> The true-up amount on line 8 of the proposed 1st Revised Sheet No. 127.34 is \$44,878,064 under-recovery. This includes \$(384,458) over-recovery from RP29 and an adjustment/correction to the current 32<sup>nd</sup> accumulation period, which was made concurrent to a *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement* filed on June 21, 2023 in Case No. ER-2023-0210 for \$45,262,522.

**Staff Review and Recommendation**

Staff reviewed the direct testimony of Evergy Missouri West witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, the supporting schedules Evergy Missouri West provided with its application in this case, and the monthly information Evergy Missouri West submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Staff notes one item impacting this true-up filing that should be mentioned. In Case No. ER-2023-0210, which was the Company's Accumulation Period ("AP") 31 Fuel Adjustment Rate ("FAR") filing, there was a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 21, 2023. During AP31 there was \$85,420,087 of costs deferred to future filing. It was agreed to that \$45,262,522 would be carried over to AP32 FAR and the remainder of \$40,157,565 would be included in AP33 FAR. As such, the true-up amount on line 8 is the sum of \$(384,458) over-recovery during RP29 and \$45,262,522 from AP31 adjustment/correction, for a total of \$44,878,064 under-recovery.

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP29, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP29, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's twenty-ninth true-up filing for RP29 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$44,878,064 from its customers. The under-collected amount will be collected from the customers as it will be included in Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2023-0444, filed on June 30, 2023, for Accumulation Period 32 (December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023).

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2022 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri West is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in

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File No. ER-2023-0444 (also filed on June 30, 2023), and the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement in File No. ER-2023-0210 pending Commission approval, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

