

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri Metro's Submission of its)
2019 Renewable Energy Standard)
Compliance Report)

File No. EO-2020-0329

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: July 1, 2020

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

On April 15, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (Evergy Metro) filed its 2019 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Report. By rule,¹ the Commission's Staff was required to review the Compliance Report and file a report by June 1, 2020. Following discussions with Staff, Evergy Metro filed a revised Compliance Report on May 26, 2020. On May 29, 2020, the Commission granted Staff an extension of time until June 12, 2020, to file its report. The Commission also granted the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and any other interested stakeholders an extension to file comments.

On June 12, 2020, Staff filed a report indicating it had completed its review of Evergy Metro's Compliance Report and recommends the Commission grant the Company a waiver from the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J), and expand the waiver to cover 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(B) for compliance year 2019. Staff does not recommend the Commission grant the waiver from the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) at this time. Staff

¹ Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(D).

also plans to provide an additional recommendation after the Company provides invoices and information requested in Staff Data Request 0002.

Also on June 12, 2020, Public Counsel filed comments. Public Counsel stated that it found Evergy Metro would generate enough wind and solar energy to provide enough energy to meet the RES not just for the planning period of 2020 through 2022 but for many years beyond. Public Counsel also indicated, however, that it believes Evergy Metro's RES 2019 RES Compliance Report and 2020 Annual RES Compliance Plan² do not identify all the resources the Company actually used to meet the RES, so the true cost to Evergy Metro's customers of meeting the Missouri RES remains unknown. Public Counsel made several recommendations for additional information that Evergy Metro should be required to submit with its Report and Plan.

The Commission will direct Evergy Metro to respond to Staff's and Public Counsel's comments.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than July 13, 2020, Evergy Metro shall file a response to Public Counsel's comments.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

² The 2020 Annual RES Compliance Plan was filed in the companion case, File No. EO-2020-0331.

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of July, 2020.