

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. EO-2023-0010

**FROM:** Lisa Wildhaber, Lead Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Lisa Wildhaber 07/28/2022      /s/ Casi Aslin 07/28/2022  
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-Seventh Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up  
Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

**DATE:** July 28, 2022

### **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-seventh true-up filing for Recovery Period 27 ("RP27") during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$351,155 from its customers.

### **Discussion**

On July 1, 2022, 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, in the aggregate for RP27 (March 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$351,155 following its Accumulation Period 27 ("AP27") (June 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020).

### **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. As stated in Lisa A. Starkebaum's direct testimony:

Yes, the Company is refunding the amount of \$160,892 plus interest of \$10,613 as ordered in its ninth FAC prudence review, Case No. EO-2020-0262, where the Commission found that Evergy acted imprudently by not calling more programmable thermostat and DRI curtailment events. The Commissions' Report and Order was issued on May 4, 2022 with an effective date of June 3, 2022. The Order states "the Commission finds that due to Evergy's imprudent decision not to utilize its demand response programs to save energy costs for its customers, those customers paid more for energy than they should have during the FAC prudence review period of June 2018 through November 2019." The additional interest calculation of \$10,613 is provided in the workpaper support. The proposed true-up amount consisting of the under-recovery of \$522,660 offset by the ordered adjustment of \$160,892 and interest of \$10,613 is a total under-recovery of \$351,155.<sup>1</sup>

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP27, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP27, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's twenty-seventh true-up filing for RP27 during which Evergy Missouri West over-collected \$351,155 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-2023-0011, filed on July 1, 2022, for Accumulation Period 30 (December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022).

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2021 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-2023-0011, along with File Nos. EU-2021-0283 and EF-2022-0155, which the overall impact is unknown at this time, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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<sup>1</sup> Lisa A. Starkebaum Direct Testimony page 4 line 22 through page 5 line 11.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ) File No. EO-2023-0010  
Containing its Semi-Annual Fuel Adjustment )  
Clause True-Up )

**AFFIDAVIT OF LISA WILDHABER**

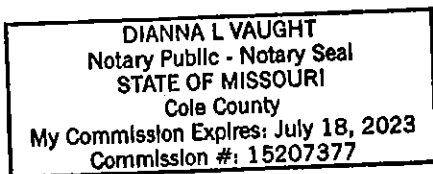
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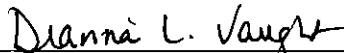
**COMES NOW**, Lisa Wildhaber, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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Lisa Wildhaber

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.



  
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Notary Public