

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 20th day of January, 2021.

In the Matter of the Ninth Prudence Review of Costs Subject to the Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West)
) **File No. EO-2020-0262**
)
)

ORDER APPROVING PARTIAL STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: January 20, 2021

Effective Date: January 30, 2021

This case concerns the ninth fuel adjustment clause (FAC) prudence review for Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Every Missouri West and Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (collectively referred to as “Evergy”). On October 21, 2020, the Commission set a procedural schedule, including dates for an evidentiary hearing. On December 18, 2020, Evergy, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel (collectively referred to as “Signatories”) filed a *Partial Stipulation and Agreement*.

With regard to Evergy Missouri West, the agreement provides:

- Evergy Missouri West will remove Sibley retirement costs included in Accumulation Period 23 (File No. ER-2019-0198) from its FAC calculation through an Ordered Adjustment of \$1,039,646, or \$984,898 Missouri jurisdictional and 95% sharing applied.
- Evergy Missouri West will remove \$984,898, with interest, from the FAC in its first fuel adjustment rate case following a Commission order approving the agreement.

- Evergy Missouri West will record the retirement costs of \$1,039,646 to the Sibley accounting authority order (AAO) regulatory liability FERC Account 254081 established in File No. EC-2019-0200 for consideration in Evergy Missouri West's next general rate case. An appropriate Missouri jurisdictional amount will be calculated in the general rate case if it is determined that these costs are recoverable.

With regard to Evergy Missouri Metro, the Signatories agreed that:

- Evergy Missouri Metro will remove Montrose fuel residual costs identified in Accumulation Period 8 (File No. ER-2020-0025) from its FAC calculation amounting to \$15,492.
- Evergy Missouri Metro will remove \$15,492, with interest, from the FAC in Evergy Missouri Metro's first fuel adjustment rate case following a Commission order approving the agreement.
- Evergy Missouri Metro will remove the Missouri retail Montrose costs amounting to \$183,612 from its FAC calculation from FERC Account 501 and will record this amount to Cost of Removal FERC Account 108 for consideration in Evergy Missouri Metro's next general rate case. Only the Missouri jurisdictional costs will be recorded in Account 108 since the non-Missouri jurisdictional portion of these costs have been accounted for. If a determination is made that these costs are recoverable, no changes to this amount will be made.

- Everygy Missouri Metro will remove \$183,612, with interest, from the FAC in Everygy Missouri Metro's first fuel adjustment rate case following a Commission order approving the agreement.

Commission regulations allow non-signatory parties seven days to object to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement.¹ If no party timely objects, the Commission may treat the agreement as unanimous.² More than seven days have elapsed since the agreement was filed and no party objected. Thus, the Commission will treat the agreement as unanimous.

After reviewing the unopposed agreement, the Commission determines that its terms are a reasonable resolution of the issues addressed by the agreement and it should be approved. Because the evidentiary hearing on the remaining contested issues will begin on January 27, 2021, the Commission finds that this order should become effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* filed on December 18, 2020, is approved as a resolution of the specific set out in that agreement. The signatory parties are ordered to comply with the terms of the agreement. A copy of the *Partial Stipulation and Agreement* is attached to this order and incorporated by reference.

2. This order shall become effective on January 30, 2021.

¹ 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B).

² 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(C).



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L Woodruff

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge