

**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 Containing its Semi-Annual) **File No. EO-2022-0004**
Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING

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

1. On July 1, 2021, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) filed an Application with the Commission concerning its twenty-fifth true-up filing for Recovery Period 25 (“RP25”),¹ as allowed under Commission Rule CSR 4240-20.090(9), in order to remedy an under-collection of \$570,233 from its customers following its Accumulation Period 25.²

2. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(D) requires the Commission’s Staff to examine and analyze the information Evergy Missouri West has submitted and to submit a recommendation to the Commission no later than 30 days after Evergy Missouri West made its filing—in this case, no later than August 2, 2021.

3. As explained in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West’s twenty-fifth true-up filing for RP25, during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$570,233 from its customers.

¹ March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.
² June 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony of Evergy Missouri West's witness Lisa A. Starkebaum, and her supporting work papers. Staff has concluded that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amount for RP25 are correct. The under-collected amount will be collected from customers as it will be included in Evergy Missouri West's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") filing in File No. ER-2022-0005.

5. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2020 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 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-2022-0005, 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 West's twenty-fifth true-up filing for RP25 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$570,233 from its customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal mail, postage prepaid, on this 2nd day of August, 2021 to all parties and/or counsel of record.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2022-0004

FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Supervisor
Amanda C. Conner, Utility Regulatory Auditor

DATE: /s/ Brooke Mastrogiannis 08-02-2021 /s/ Travis Pringle 08-02-2021
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-Fifth Fuel
Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR
4240-20.090(9).

DATE: August 2, 2021

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-fifth true-up filing for Recovery Period 25 ("RP25") during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$570,233 from its customers.

Discussion

On July 1, 2021, 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). On July 23, 2021 Evergy Missouri West filed a substitute tariff sheet, to change its fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in Case No. ER-2022-0005. This substitute filing did not affect its twenty-fifth FAC true-up filing, therefore Staff is only recommending Commission approval for the substitute FAC filing in Case No. ER-2022-0005. According to Evergy Missouri West's initial true-up filing, in the aggregate for RP25 (March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$570,233 following its Accumulation Period 25 ("AP25") (June 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019).

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).

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP25, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP25, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's twenty-fifth true-up filing for RP25 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$570,233 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-2022-0005, filed on July 1, 2021, as substituted on July 23, 2021, for Accumulation Period 28 (December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021).

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its 2020 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-2022-0005, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *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.


BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

JURAT

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 29th day of July 2021.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
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My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
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AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA C. CONNER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW AMANDA C. CONNER and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *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.


AMANDA C. CONNER

JURAT

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 29th day of July 2021.

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