

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2023-0206

FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor

DATE: /s/ Brooke Mastrogiannis 01-30-2023 /s/ Casi Aslin 01-30-2023
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-Eighth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: January 30, 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-eighth true-up filing for Recovery Period 28 ("RP28") during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$169,679¹ from its customers.

Discussion

On December 30, 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). Subsequently, Evergy Missouri West filed a substitute tariff sheet on January 18, 2023, and submitted to Staff work papers in support of the substitute tariff sheet, for an interest correction. However, this substitute tariff sheet did not affect the true-up amount on line 8 of Evergy Missouri West's proposed 9th Revised Sheet No. 127.23. According to Evergy Missouri West's true-up filing, in the aggregate for RP28 (September 1, 2021 through August 30, 2022), Evergy Missouri West under-collected from its customers \$169,679 following its Accumulation Period 28 ("AP28") (December 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021).

¹ The true-up amount on line 8 of the proposed 9th Revised Sheet No. 127.23 is \$220,443 under-recovery. However, once that amount on line 8 is offset by the ordered adjustment of (\$48,796) (found separately on line 10 of the proposed tariff sheet) and interest on the ordered adjustment of (\$1,968), the true-up amount is an under-collection of \$169,679.

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. EO-2022-0065, which was the Company's tenth prudence review, on September 14, 2022, the Commission approved the *Non-Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement* that was filed on July 25, 2022. In this agreement the Company agreed, with no admission of imprudence, to a one-time FAC adjustment of (\$48,796) for 2017 vintage expired RECs. The proposed true-up amount consisting of the under-recovery of \$220,443 offset by the ordered adjustment of (\$48,796) and interest on the ordered adjustment of (\$1,968), which amounts to a total under-recovery of \$169,679.

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri West filed and submitted for RP28, Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri West's calculations for the true-up amounts for RP28, including the calculation of monthly interest, are correct.

Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's twenty-eighth true-up filing for RP28 during which Evergy Missouri West under-collected \$169,679 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-2023-0210, filed on December 30, 2022, for Accumulation Period 31 (June 1, 2022 through November 30, 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-2023-0210, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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)	<u>File No. EO-2023-0206</u>
West Containing Its Semi-Annual)	
Adjustment Clause True-Up)	

AFFIDAVIT OF BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

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
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 26th day of January, 2023.

DIANNA L VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission #: 15207377

Dianna L. Vaughn

Notary Public