

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

STAFF’S NINTH PRUDENCE REVIEW REPORT

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and submits Staff’s Ninth Prudence Review Report (incorporated by reference) of costs related to the Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”) for the electric operations of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Company” or “Evergy Missouri West”). In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1. On March 2, 2020, Staff filed *Staff’s Notice of Start of Ninth Fuel Adjustment Prudence Review* (“Notice”) informing the Commission that it had begun its review of the costs subject to Evergy Missouri West’s FAC. On March 3, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Acknowledging Automatic Parties, and Establishing Deadlines for Intervention and Requesting a Hearing* (“Order”).

2. The Notice described Staff’s plan to conduct a prudence review of the costs and revenues associated with Evergy Missouri West’s FAC for the period June 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019 (“Review Period”). This Review Period corresponds to the 23rd, 24th, and 25th FAC accumulation periods (each accumulation period is 6 months) of Evergy Missouri West’s FAC.

3. Staff has completed its prudence review and provides a detailed discussion of its findings in Staff’s *Ninth Prudence Review of Costs Related To The Fuel Adjustment Clause For The Electric Operations Of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri*

West (“Prudence Review Report”) submitted concurrently herewith in Confidential and Public formats. As a result of its prudence review, and as more fully explained in the Prudence Review Report, Staff found no evidence of imprudence by Evergy Missouri West.

4. Staff would like to note that in the 23rd FAC accumulation period (June 2018 through November 2018), retirement costs relating to the retirement of the Sibley generating facility were discovered by Staff. These costs are consistent with retirement costs that the Company had removed from the 24th and 25th FAC accumulation periods.¹

5. Staff found no indication that the Company imprudently included costs associated with the retirement of Sibley during this Review Period, as the Company has agreed to defer the costs associated with the retirement of Sibley during this Review Period, and seek recovery of those costs in another mechanism. Staff recommends the Commission issue and Ordered Adjustment (“OA”) in the amount of \$1,039,343.²

WHEREFORE, Staff requests the Commission accept its Prudence Review Report of Evergy Missouri West’s FAC, and issue such further orders as the Commission deems proper.

¹ *Ninth Prudence Review of Costs Related To The Fuel Adjustment Clause For The Electric Operations Of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West*, pg. 32, ln. 3-5.

² *Id.*, pg. 32, ln. 17-22.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record this 28th day of August, 2020.

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