

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of May, 2022.

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro's Submission of Its 2019) **File No. EO-2020-0329**
Renewable Energy Standard Compliance)
Report)

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West's Submission of Its 2019) **File No. EO-2020-0330**
Renewable Energy Standard Compliance)
Report)

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)
Missouri Metro's Submission of its 2020) **File No. EO-2020-0331**
Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan)

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West's 2020 Renewable) **File No. EO-2020-0332**
Energy Standard Compliance Plan)

**ORDER REGARDING 2019 RES COMPLIANCE REPORTS AND
2020 RES COMPLIANCE PLANS AND ORDER GRANTING WAIVER**

Issue Date: May 25, 2022

Effective date: June 24, 2022

On April 15, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, Evergy) filed its Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Reports (Reports) for 2019 and Plans (Plans) for 2020 as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8). Those pleadings included waiver requests for Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) and 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J). The Commission's rule requires the Staff of the Commission

to review the utility's compliance Reports and Plans and to file a report about its review within 45 days.¹

Staff asked for and received additional time to file its report. Evergy filed Revised Reports and Plans in all four cases on May 26, 2020. Staff filed a report on the Reports and Plans on June 12, 2020.

Staff says Evergy did not comply with Commission rules due to the retirement of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) outside of the time period allowed by 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(J). Staff recommends waiver of that rule, and also of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(B). Staff did not recommend the Commission grant a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V).

Also on June 12, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a pleading. OPC states that the Reports and Plans do not identify all the resources used to meet the RES, so the true cost to customers of meeting the Missouri RES remains unknown. OPC also requested additional information from Evergy. Evergy responded that OPC's requests for additional information go well beyond the scope of the Commission's rules.

On October 8, 2020, Staff stated it received additional information from Evergy. That additional information led Staff to conclude that the Commission should grant Evergy a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V).

The Commission's regulation does not specify what, if any, action the Commission is to take regarding Evergy's Reports and Plans, and any alleged deficiencies therein, except to allow the Commission to direct the utility to provide additional information or to address any concerns or deficiencies identified in the comments.² After considering the

¹ 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(D).

² 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(F).

submitted comments, the Commission concludes that no further order from the Commission is appropriate at this time.

The Commission, however, will grant the waivers Evergy requested, as well as the additional waiver recommended by Staff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Evergy will not be required to provide additional information or to address any concerns or deficiencies.
2. Evergy is granted a waiver from Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-20.100(3)(B), 20.100(3)(J), and 20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V).
3. This order shall be effective on June 24, 2022.
4. This file shall be closed on June 25, 2022.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 25th day of May, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 25, 2022

File/Case No. EO-2020-0329, EO-2020-0330, EO-2020-0331 and EO-2020-0332

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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