

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy            )  
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro            )     **Case No. EO-2022-0024**  
Containing its Semi-Annual Fuel                    )  
Adjustment Clause True-Up                         )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING**

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

1. On July 30, 2021, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) filed its ninth fuel adjustment clause true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).
2. On July 30, 2021 the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by August 27, 2021.
3. Evergy Missouri Metro proposes to return to its customers the true-up amount of (\$477,623), as well as Recovery Period 9 (“RP9”) interest and an interest correction during RP9 equaling (\$37,834), for a total refund of (\$515,458), through its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (“FPA”) Accumulation Period 12 (“AP12”) filing, also filed on July 30, 2021, in File No. ER-2022-0025. AP12 covers the accumulation period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
4. The interest of (\$60,067) on line 9 of Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed P.S.C. MO. No. 7 6th Revised Sheet No. 50.31 Canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 7 5th Revised Sheet No. 50.31 consists of AP12 interest of (\$22,232) as well as RP9 interest and an interest correction during RP9 totaling (\$37,834).

5. Based on its analysis, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP9 (billing months of April 2020 through March 2021), during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-recovered \$477,623 from its customers. Staff's analysis is in the attached *Memorandum*, marked as Appendix A.

6. Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2020 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on submission of its surveillance monitoring reports, as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic monthly reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro's FPA AP12 filing in Case No. ER-2022-0025, Staff is unaware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's RP9 true-up filing for the billing months of April 2020 through March 2021, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$477,623, before interest, from its customers, for inclusion in its FPA AP12 filing in Case No. ER-2022-0025.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Karen E. Bretz**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**/s/ Karen E. Bretz**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. EO-2022-0024

**FROM:** Cynthia M. Tandy, Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

**DATE:** /s/ Brad J. Fortson 08-27-2021      /s/ Karen Bretz 08-27-2021  
Energy Resources Department / Date      Staff Counsel's Office / Date

**SUBJECT:** Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Evergy Metro, Inc.,  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing  
Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

**DATE:** August 27, 2021

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the true-up filing for Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), f/k/a Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") for Recovery Period 9 ("RP9") during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$477,623<sup>1</sup> from its customers.

### **Discussion**

On July 30, 2021, Evergy Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up<sup>2</sup> for RP9 under the provisions of its FAC tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). RP9 began April 1, 2020 and ended March 31, 2021. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 9 ("AP9"), which began July 1, 2019 and ended December 31, 2019.

Evergy Missouri Metro's filing is supported by the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Lisa A. Starkebaum, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Missouri Metro. The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed Ms. Starkebaum's direct testimony and supporting schedules, as well as the monthly information Evergy Missouri Metro submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

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<sup>1</sup> Lisa A. Starkebaum's testimony, on page 5, lines 20-23, discusses a total true-up of (\$515,458). This is comprised of the true-up adjustment of (\$477,623) listed on line 8 of the proposed tariff sheet, plus a (\$37,834) interest correct and interest on true-up, which is included in the interest amount listed on line 9 of the proposed tariff sheet.

<sup>2</sup> True-ups are defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.30 as,

After completion of each RP, the Company shall make a true-up filing by the filing date of its next FAR filing. Any true-up adjustments shall be reflected in component "T" above. Interest on the true-up adjustment will be included in component "I" above. The true-up amount shall be the difference between the revenues billed and the revenues authorized for collection during the RP as well as any corrections identified to be included in the current FAR filing. Any corrections included will be discussed in the testimony accompanying the true-up filing.

The RP9 true-up amount without interest is the result of an over-collection of \$477,623 during RP9. There was also an interest over-charge of \$37,834 during RP9, resulting from a correction due to a revision of the applicable margin used to calculate the short-term interest rates for the period of September 18, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

The interest of (\$60,067) on line 9 of P.S.C. MO. No. 7 6th Revised Sheet No. 50.31<sup>3</sup> includes all interest<sup>4</sup> for RP9 and Accumulation Period 12 (“AP12”) of (\$22,232). It also includes (\$37,834) interest, which is the above-described accounting adjustment. Ms. Starkebaum provides supporting work papers for the true-up amount of (\$477,623). Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for this over-collection of \$477,623 during RP9.

### **Staff Review**

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted for RP9, Staff determined that Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for the true-up amount for RP9 are correct. However, Staff reserves its right to pursue this issue in other cases before the Commission.

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s true-up filing for RP9, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$477,623 from its customers. The over-collection amount is included in Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2022-0025, filed on July 30, 2021, for AP12, which began January 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2021.

Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2020 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2022-0025, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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<sup>3</sup> File No. ER-2022-0025 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2022-0024.

<sup>4</sup> Interest is defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.28 as: Interest applicable to (i) the difference between Missouri Retail ANEC and B for all kWh of energy supplied during an AP until those costs have been recovered; (ii) refunds due to prudence reviews (“P”), if any; and (iii) all under- or over-recovery balances created through operation of this FAC, as determined in the true-up filings (“T”) provided for herein. Interest shall be calculated monthly at a rate equal to the weighted average interest paid on the Company’s short-term debt, applied to the month-end balance of items (i) through (iii) in the preceding sentence.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS**

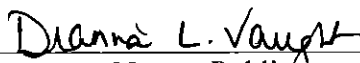
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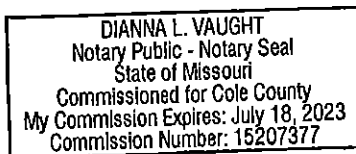
**COMES NOW**, Brooke Mastrogiannis, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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Brooke Mastrogiannis

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 27th day of August, 2021.

  
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Notary Public



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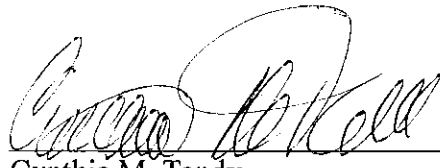
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**AFFIDAVIT OF CYNTHIA M. TANDY**

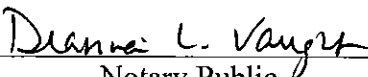
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**COMES NOW**, Cynthia M. Tandy, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
Cynthia M. Tandy

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Notary Public

