

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

In the Matter of the First Prudence Review of )  
the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act )  
(MEEIA) Cycle 3 Energy Efficiency Programs )  
and Cycle 2 Long-Lead Projects of Evergy )  
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro )

**File No. EO-2021-0417**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.093(11), authorized under § 393.1075.3 and § 393.1075.11, RSMo., provides that “[a] prudence review shall be conducted no less frequently than at twenty-four (24) month intervals.” Evergy Missouri Metro’s Energy Efficiency Investment Charge tariff contains similar language concerning prudence reviews.<sup>1</sup>

2. This is Staff’s first prudence review of the costs associated with Evergy Missouri Metro’s Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanisms (DSIM) for its Cycle 3 energy efficiency programs and Cycle 2 long-lead projects. Staff’s first prudence review examined Evergy Missouri Metro’s Cycle 3 DSIM for the period January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. In accordance with the rule, Staff plans to file its recommendation to the Commission regarding its examination and analyses in this case no later than November 1, 2021.

3. In accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.093(11), Staff’s Report explains the results of its examination and analyses in this case. The Staff’s Energy Resources

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<sup>1</sup> Evergy Missouri Metro Tariff P.S.C. MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 49X.

Department had primary responsibility for conducting the prudence review and developing its recommendation for the proposed adjustments reflected in Staff's Report. To complete its prudence review, Staff obtained and analyzed a variety of documents, records, reports, data request responses, and workpapers. Staff's Report is filed contemporaneously herewith, in both Confidential and Public formats.

4. As a result of its review, Staff identifies and recommends certain disallowances or adjustments for expenses during the Review Period as identified in Table 1 of Staff's Report.

**WHEREFORE**, pursuant to Staff's Notice, Staff prays that the Commission accept its Staff Report and issue an order directing Evergy Missouri Metro to make Ordered Adjustment(s) as reflected in the Staff Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

**/s/ Casi Aslin**