

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 16th day of September, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and the company's approved Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Mechanism)
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) **File No. ER-2021-0025**
) Tariff No. JE-2021-0015
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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro concerning its Semi-Annual Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up)
) **File No. EO-2021-0023**
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**ORDER APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP
AND APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT RATES**

Issue Date: September 16, 2020

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

In File No. EO-2021-0023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (Evergy Metro) seeks the Commission's approval of true-up amounts related to the company's fuel adjustment clause (FAC), as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). The true-up filing concerns Recovery Period 7, April 2019 through March 2020. Evergy Metro's filing indicates during that period it over-collected \$1,904,473 from customers. Staff on August 31, 2020, recommended the Commission approve Evergy Metro's true-up filing of \$1,904,473 in over-collected costs for Recovery Period 7. The true-up amount for Recovery Period 7 is used to calculate the fuel adjustment rates proposed by Evergy Metro's tariff filing in File No. ER-2021-0025.

On July 31, 2020, Evergy Metro filed a tariff in File No. ER-2021-0025 proposing to increase the company's fuel adjustment rates (FARs), as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8). Evergy Metro's filing indicates the increased rates are designed to recover a fuel and purchased power adjustment of \$970,111. This amount is calculated based on the difference between annual net energy costs incurred and net base energy costs during Accumulation Period 10, from January 2020 through June 2020, of which Evergy Metro is entitled to recover 95%. This calculation results in the figure \$2,847,131, which is added to interest of \$27,453. That total is partially offset by the true-up amount of \$1,904,473 in over-collection determined in File No. EO-2021-0023, resulting in the recovery amount of \$970,111.

Evergy Metro proposes to increase the FAR per kilowatt hour (kWh) to \$.00051 for primary service and \$.00053 for secondary service, effective October 1, 2020. Fuel adjustment rates for transmission and substation service would increase by \$.00039 per kWh. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month of secondary service, the tariff increases the fuel adjustment charge by about \$.42 per month, from \$.11 to \$.53 per month.

On August 31, 2020, Staff recommended the Commission issue an order approving Evergy Metro's proposed revised tariff sheet to be effective on October 1, 2020. The Commission has received no other responses to Evergy Metro's filings in these cases.

Section 386.266.1, RSMo (Cum. Supp. 2019), allows electrical corporations to apply to the Commission for approval of interim energy charges or periodic rate adjustments outside of general rate proceedings "to reflect increases and decreases in

its prudently incurred fuel and purchased-power costs, including transportation.” Unless the Commission determines a proposed adjustment is not in accordance with Section 386.266 or the rule, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(H) requires the Commission to issue an interim rate adjustment order to approve the proposed adjustment or allow the proposed tariff sheet(s) and adjustment(s) to take effect without Commission order. Similarly, 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(F) provides the same 60-day timeline for a true-up filing.

On the basis of Staff’s review and recommendation and Evergy Metro’s uncontested filing, the Commission concludes Evergy Metro’s true-up filing and amount in File No. EO-2021-0023 should be approved. In addition, based on Staff’s review and recommendation, the Commission finds the proposed revised tariff, filed on July 31, 2020 and assigned Tariff No. JE-2021-0015, complies with Evergy Metro’s tariffs and all applicable statutes and regulations.

To approve the proposed tariff by the effective date of October 1, 2020, the Commission will issue its order with an effective date fewer than 30 days from the date of issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Evergy Metro’s true-up filing and true-up amount for Recovery Period 7 is approved.

2. The following proposed revised tariff sheet, assigned Tariff No. JE-2021-0015, is approved, subject to true-up and prudence review, and shall be effective on October 1, 2020:

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

4th Revised Sheet No. 50.31, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 50.31

3. This order shall be effective on October 1, 2020.
4. These files shall close on October 2, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge