BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West and the City of Higginsville for Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries of each Electric Service Supplier in Portions of Lafayette County, Missouri.

File No. EO-2021-0388 Tracking No. YE-2022-0039

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE

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

1. On August 23, 2021, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West filed substitute tariff sheets, Tracking No. YE-2022-0039, with a proposed effective date of September 22, 2021.

2. As detailed in the attached Staff Memorandum, and incorporated herein, Staff has reviewed Evergy Missouri West's substitute tariff sheets, Tracking No. YE-2022-0039, and recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheets or permit the tariff sheets to go into effect on and after September 22, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve, or allow to go into effect, Evergy Missouri West's filed substitute tariff sheets (Tracking No. YE-2022-0039) to become effective on and after September 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

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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 counsel of record this 27th day of August, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

MEMORANDUM

- TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. EO-2021-0388, File No. YE-2022-0039 Evergy Missouri West, Inc.
- FROM: Alan J. Bax, Associate Engineer Engineering Analysis Department, Industry Analysis Division

<u>/s/ Claire M. Eubanks, PE 08/27/21</u> <u>/s/ Jamie</u> Manager, Engr Analysis/Date Staff Cou

- <u>/s/ Jamie S. Myers</u> 08/27/21 Staff Counsel's Office/Date
- SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation Recommending Approval of Substitute Tariff Sheets Filed on August 23, 2021 in Accordance with the Commission's Report and Order Issued August 4, 2021
- DATE: August 27, 2021

Recommendation

On August 23, 2021, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy Missouri West") filed with the Commission substitute tariff sheets (P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet, No. 14 and Original Sheet 17.4), with a proposed effective date of September 22, 2021, regarding changes to its Missouri service area as a result of its Second Amended Joint Application for a Territorial Agreement with the City of Higginsville, Missouri ("Higginsville") to update its tariff section entitled "Description of Service Territory Electric". The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") has reviewed these revised, proposed substitute tariff sheets and recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve these revised, proposed substitute tariff sheets.

Discussion

Evergy Missouri West timely filed proposed revised tariff sheets on August 23, 2021 as ordered by the Commission in its *Report and Order Approving Territorial Agreement* filed on August 4, 2021 in File No. EO-2021-0388. These proposed tariff sheet provisions included legal descriptions of the parcels that were the subject of the Territorial Agreement between Evergy Missouri West and Higginsville, requesting an effective date of September 22, 2021.

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Staff has reviewed these proposed tariff sheet revisions and recommends that the Commission approve these substitute tariff sheets filed by Evergy Missouri West in the tariff section entitled "Description of Service Territory Electric". These proposed tariff sheet revisions, (P.S.C. MO. No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 14 and Original Sheet No. 17.4), do reflect the legal description of the parcels that are included in the context of the Territorial Agreement between Evergy Missouri West and Higginsville, as provided in the Second Amended Joint Application filed on July 16, 2021. Each of these parcels is located in Lafayette County, Missouri in Township 49 North – Range 26 West - Sections 35 and 36, an area that otherwise lies entirely within the authorized electrical service territory of Every Missouri West.

Tariff:

Staff recommends the following substitute tariff sheets, filed on August 23, 2021, be approved to become effective September 22, 2021:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

1st Revised Sheet No. 14, which cancels Original Sheet No. 14 Original Sheet No. 17.4

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AFFIDAVIT OF ALAN J. BAX

SS.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW ALAN J. BAX and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

JURAT

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^{44} day of August 2021.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025 Commission Number: 12412070

Notary Public