

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

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc.)	
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Annual)	<u>Case No. ET-2021-0094</u>
RESRAM Tariff Filing)	<u>Tariff No. JE-2021-0088</u>

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet* as follows:

1. On September 30, 2020, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (“Evergy Missouri West”) filed a tariff sheet and supporting documentation designed to adjust its renewable energy standard rate adjustment mechanism (“RESRAM”) pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100. The submitted tariff sheet bore an effective date of December 1, 2020, and was filed under Tariff Tracking No. JE-2021-0088. On October 16, 2020, Evergy Missouri West made a substitute tariff filing to reflect a correction requested by Staff.

2. Also on September 30, 2020, the Commission directed Staff to file, no later than October 21, 2020, either a recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheet or a status report indicating when it will be able to file a report.

3. As more fully detailed in Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Staff has reviewed the data and calculations provided by Evergy Missouri West related to the proposed tariff sheet and recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet as substituted on October 16, 2020, with an effective date of December 1, 2020, or allow the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law that same date. Customers using 1,000 kWh per month

will see a \$0.02 increase per month and will pay \$0.90 per month. Application of this rate will not exceed the annual rate cap pursuant to Section 393.1655 RSMo.

4. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet originally filed by Evergy Missouri West on September 30, 2020, as substituted on October 16, 2020, with an effective date of December 1, 2020, or allow the tariff sheet to go into effect by operation of law that same date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1
8th Revised Sheet No. 137.3, canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 137.3

Respectfully submitted,

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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 as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 21st day of October 2020.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. ET-2021-0094 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2021-0088

FROM: Nancy Harris, Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Robin Kliethermes 10/21/2020 /s/ Jeff Keevil 10/21/2020
Manager, Rate & Tariff Examination/ Date Staff Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet Filed to Adjust the Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. formerly KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company

DATE: October 21, 2020

BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2020, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (Evergy Missouri West) filed a letter and one (1) revised tariff sheet designed to adjust its renewable energy standard rate adjustment mechanism ("RESRAM") pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100. The submitted tariff bore an effective date of December 1, 2020 and was filed under Tariff Tracking No. JE-2021-0088.

Staff and Evergy Missouri West agreed to remove energy requirements related to the Special Rate for Incremental Load Service (Schedule SIL, Sheet No. 157) which were included in the original calculation of Projected Energy (kWh) used for the Effective Period of December 2020 through November 2021. On October 16, 2020, Evergy Missouri West made a substitute tariff filing to reflect this correction. Workpapers supporting the corrected proposed rate schedule have been provided.

The total RESRAM expense balance as of August 31, 2020 was \$27,792,908, which includes \$1,601,158 in solar rebate payments authorized under Section 393.1670 RSMo. The annual Allowable RESRAM Revenue Requirement is \$7,207,581, which is 1% of retail billed revenues from ER-2018-0146 in the amount of \$720,758,136.

Using Evergy Missouri West's projected energy level of 8,040,169,050 kWh and the revenue requirement mentioned above, the RESRAM rate is \$0.00090. Customers using 1,000 kWh per month will see a \$0.02 increase per month and will pay \$0.90 per month. Application of this rate will not exceed the 3.0% annual rate cap pursuant to Section 393.1655 RSMo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheet as submitted on September 30, 2020, and substituted on October 16, 2020, and recommends the Commission issue an order either approving the tariff sheet or allowing the tariff sheet to take effect by operation of law on December 1, 2020.

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Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

