

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Great Plains Energy Incorporated for)
Approval of its Merger with) File No. EM-2018-0012
Westar Energy, Inc.)

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

COME NOW, Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, the “Company”)¹, and for their Notice of Compliance (“Notice”) to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), state as follows:

1. Pursuant to Condition 5 of the Merger Commitments and Conditions identified in Exhibit A to the *Stipulation and Agreement* (“Agreement”) filed in this docket on January 12, 2018, as approved by the Commission’s *Report and Order* dated May 24, 2018, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West hereby notify the Commission of their compliance with the following element of Condition 5:

Each agency is required to provide documentation to KCP&L and GMO to verify how expenditures were incurred.

Community Action Agencies are required to file annual reports with KCP&L and GMO on how funds were expended. KCP&L and GMO shall file a condensed report of the agencies individual annual reports with the Commission, Staff and OPC. Any additional information is left to the agencies’ discretion (e.g., estimated additional homes weatherized because of the expenditures).²

2. Attached as **Exhibit A**, please find a report summarizing the information required by the above-cited portion of Condition 5.

¹ Effective October 7, 2019, Evergy Missouri Metro adopted the service territory and tariffs of Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) and Evergy Missouri West adopted the service territory and tariffs of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”).

² See *Report and Order*, Exhibit A, Condition 5, pp. 1-3, issued May 24, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West request that the Commission take notice of the information herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, this 3rd day of June 2022, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

Attorney for Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy
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EM-2018-0012 Merger Condition 5 – Report Summary

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The entities involved per the Stipulation and Agreement are:

- United Services CAA (CAA of Greater Kansas City)
- Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph (“CAP St. Joe”)
- Community Services, Inc. (“CSI”)
- West Central Missouri CAA
- Missouri Valley CAA
- Community Action Partnership of North Central Missouri.

All entities received \$50,000 in July 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. All parties to the case agreed that CSI would receive \$100,000 each year and cover the area that was formerly covered by CAP St. Joe.

To facilitate the compilation of the required report in Condition 5, Geoff Marek, OPC, provided eight questions as guidelines for information to be furnished by the Community Action Agencies (“CAA”).

Those questions are:

- 1.) Were you successful in spending down the annual allocated funds?
- 2.) What did you spend the funds on—please provide details
 - a. Weatherization training and certification of agency personnel?
 - b. Discretionary funds for health and hazard for on-site units (that may or may not be otherwise passed over)?
 - c. Outreach efforts?
 - d. Utility weatherization account?
 - e. Hardship fund for on-bill payments?
- 3.) Can you provide quantification of benefits achieved via the funds (e.g., five more homes, one full time job, etc.....)?
- 4.) What would you say are the current strengths your agency possesses?
- 5.) What would you say are the current weaknesses your agency experiences?
- 6.) What are the current threats that your agency faces?

- 7.) What are the current opportunities for your agency to perform its service better-and how can this collaborative or its members help enable that?
- 8.) Do you believe that utility-funded weatherization funds would be better spent with more discretion by your agency? That is, would they be more effectively utilized in the same manner as the “Evergy-merger funds” or as they currently are—adhering to the Missouri Weatherization guidelines. Please explain.

The following is the condensed report of the answers from the 5 entities receiving these funds from Evergy.

1 – Two agencies spent 100% of the funds while three agencies were at a spend level of approximately 70% - 90%. One agency of the agencies that spent less than 100% reported having several jobs lined up in the next couple of months. The 2020 report had two agencies spending 100%, two at 50%, and one at 20%.

2 and 3 – Two agencies increased pay for crew members. One office assistance was hired. The agencies assisted over 75 homes. Projects related to plumbing, installing A/C and water heater, replacing knob and tube, flooring, mold remediation, pest control, and general repairs were completed. A certified EPA specialist was paid to encapsulate asbestos on duct work. One agency stressed that they replaced a lot of unsafe electric wiring in old homes to safely add insulation to make the home more comfortable for the client. Two agencies reported outreach efforts while three agencies did not have outreach activities.

4 – The main theme is all have dedicated, qualified, knowledgeable and energetic staffs. One agency that started a senior care program last year has helped seniors with enhanced case management.

5 – A lack of resources to be able to more adequately reach out to the community to create awareness of benefits available was a hinderance. There were recruiting challenges due to low wages and complicated labor economy. Also, paperwork requirements and miscellaneous rules are too stringent. One agency reported back log of HVAC supplies. One agency reported that technicalities of program and multiple funding resources make it difficult to train employees.

6 – Prices and availability of resources. Inflation has caused prices to sky rocket and the direct result has slowed workflow process. Staff vacancies and hiring challenges are a threat. One agency reported that most of their applications come from Municipal Townships that receive their energy from Evergy.

7 – Allow each agency to also use the funding from EVERGY with Municipal Companies that receive their power from Evergy which would allow more assistance to more people. Partnership with Evergy and the new tariff enable the agencies to weatherize more homes and provide services to the community.

8 – Very unanimous feeling about using all funds like how the Evergy funds can be spent to have more flexibility. One agency reported that their clients are typically struggling to maintain their properties in general, which presents health and safety barriers to their team in providing services. These barriers are issues such as foundations in need of repair, roofs that need repair or replacement, mold mitigation, pest infestations, clutter, etc. Many of these issues have a higher cost than weatherization measures, so any flexibility in funding that can allow for these measures to be completed, and remove the barriers to providing weatherization services, is extremely valuable to the agency. The agencies all expressed their gratitude for these funds.