

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 17th day of February, 2021.

In the Matter of the Second Prudence)
Review of the Missouri Energy Efficiency)
Investment Act (MEEIA) Cycle 2 Energy) **File No. EO-2020-0227, et al.**
Efficiency Programs of Evergy Metro, Inc.)
d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro)

**ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS PARTIAL
STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: February 17, 2021

Effective Date: February 17, 2021

This case concerns the second prudence review of the Cycle 2 costs related to the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) for Evergy Missouri Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”). On January 8, 2021, Evergy, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) (collectively referred to as “Signatories”) filed a *Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement* (Agreement).

The Agreement resolves the issues raised by Staff in its *Reports of Second Prudence Review of Cycle 2 Costs Related to the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act* regarding administrative expenses.¹ The Agreement is a compromise position regarding the amount of adjustment related to the proposed disallowances to be made to the Demand Side Investment Mechanism (DSIM) rate of both Evergy Missouri Metro and

¹ Staff’s recommended disallowances related to demand response or any separate recommended disallowances proposed by OPC remain as issues yet to be resolved.

Evergy Missouri West. The specific terms of the Agreement address three areas: disallowances; costs attributable to future MEEIA cycles; and conference and membership costs.

The Signatories agree that in Evergy's next filing to adjust its DSIM rates, Evergy Missouri Metro shall include a \$10,000 credit to customers as an "Ordered Adjustment" in the "Net Ordered Adjustment" component of its DSIM rate calculation, and Evergy Missouri West shall include a \$5,000 credit. The Signatories further agree that Evergy will defer the recovery of costs attributable to subsequent MEEIA filings to the MEEIA filing with which those costs are associated. Lastly, the Signatories agree that in MEEIA Cycle 3 and going forward, Evergy shall only seek recovery of costs associated with conferences and memberships through DSIM rates if those costs would not be incurred but for the Company's offering of MEEIA programs.

After reviewing the unanimous partial agreement, the Commission determines that its terms are a reasonable resolution of the issues addressed by the agreement and it should be approved.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement* filed on January 8, 2021, is approved as a resolution of the specific issues set out in that agreement. The signatory parties are ordered to comply with the terms of the agreement. A copy of the *Unanimous Partial Stipulation and Agreement* is attached to this order and incorporated by reference.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge