

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy                    )  
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro                    )        **File No. EO-2021-0023**  
Concerning its Semi-Annual Fuel                            )  
Adjustment Clause True-Up                                    )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation to Approve True-Up Filing* respectfully states:

1. On July 31, 2020, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) filed an application concerning its seventh true-up filing for Recovery Period 7 (“RP7”),<sup>1</sup> as allowed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9), in order to remedy an over-collection of \$1,904,473 from its customers.

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(D) requires the Commission’s Staff to examine and analyze the information Evergy Missouri Metro has submitted and to submit a recommendation to the Commission no later than 30 days after Evergy Missouri Metro made its filing—in this case, no later than August 31, 2020.

3. As explained in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s seventh true-up filing for RP7, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$1,904,473 from its customers.

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<sup>1</sup> April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony, supporting schedules and work papers of Evergy Missouri Metro witness Lisa A. Starkebaum. Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri Metro's calculations for the true-up amount for RP7 are correct. The over-collected amount will be returned to customers as it will be included in Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") filing in File No. ER-2021-0025 for Accumulation Period 10.<sup>2</sup>

5. Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri Metro has filed its 2019 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current annual fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2021-0025, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's seventh true-up filing for RP7 during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$1,904,473 from its customers.

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<sup>2</sup> January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 31st day of August, 2020, to all parties and/or counsel of record.

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. EO-2021-0023  
Eversource Energy, Inc. d/b/a Eversource Missouri Metro

FROM: Cynthia M. Tandy, Utility Regulatory Auditor  
Lisa Wildhaber, Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

DATE: /s/ Brad J. Fortson 08/31/2020      /s/ Travis Pringle 08/31/2020  
Commission Staff/ Date                      Staff Counsel Department/ Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Eversource Energy, Inc. d/b/a  
Eversource Missouri Metro Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the  
Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: August 31, 2020

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the true-up filing for Eversource Energy, Inc. d/b/a Eversource Missouri Metro ("Eversource Missouri Metro"), f/k/a Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCP&L") for Recovery Period 7 ("RP7") during which Eversource Missouri Metro over-collected \$1,904,473<sup>1</sup> from its customers.

### **Discussion**

On July 31, 2020, Eversource Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up<sup>2</sup> for RP7 under the provisions of its FAC tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). RP7 began April 1, 2019 and ended March 31, 2020. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 7 ("AP7"), which began July 1, 2018 and ended December 31, 2018.

Eversource Missouri Metro's filing is supported by the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Lisa A. Starkebaum, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at Eversource Missouri Metro. The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed Ms. Starkebaum's direct testimony and

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<sup>1</sup> "Direct Testimony of Lisa A. Starkebaum," EO-2021-0023, page 4, line 22 & 23.

<sup>2</sup> True-ups are defined on Eversource Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.30 as, "After completion of each RP, the Company shall make a true-up filing by the filing date of its next FAR filing. Any true-up adjustments shall be reflected in component "T" above. Interest on the true-up adjustment will be included in component "I" above. The true-up amount shall be the difference between the revenues billed and the revenues authorized for collection during the RP as well as any corrections identified to be included in the current FAR filing. Any corrections included will be discussed in the testimony accompanying the true-up filing."

supporting schedules, as well as the monthly information Evergy Missouri Metro submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

The RP7 true-up amount without interest is the result of an over-collection of \$1,904,473 during RP7. There were no accounting corrections or other needed adjustments during RP7.

The interest of \$27,453 on line 9 of P.S.C. MO. No. 7 4th Revised Sheet No. 50.31<sup>3</sup> includes all interest<sup>4</sup> for RP7 and Accumulation Period 10 (“AP10”). Ms. Starkebaum provides supporting work papers for the true-up amount of \$(1,904,473). Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for this over-collection of \$1,904,473 during RP7.

### **Staff Review**

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted for RP7, Staff determined that Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for the true-up amount for RP7 are correct. However, Staff reserves its right to pursue this issue in other cases before the Commission.

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s true-up filing for RP7, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$1,904,473 from its customers. The over-collection amount is included in Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2021-0025, filed on July 31, 2020, for AP10 which began January 1, 2020 and ended June 30, 2020.

Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2019 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to

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<sup>3</sup> File No. ER-2021-0025 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2021-0015.

<sup>4</sup> Interest is defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.28 as: Interest applicable to (i) the difference between Missouri Retail ANEC and B for all kWh of energy supplied during an AP until those costs have been recovered; (ii) refunds due to prudence reviews (“P”), if any; and (iii) all under- or over-recovery balances created through operation of this FAC, as determined in the true-up filings (“T”) provided for herein. Interest shall be calculated monthly at a rate equal to the weighted average interest paid on the Company’s short-term debt, applied to the month-end balance of items (i) through (iii) in the preceding sentence.

its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2021-0025, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF CYNTHIA M. TANDY AND LISA WILDHABER**

STATE OF MISSOURI            )  
  )     ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE            )

**COME NOW** Cynthia M. Tandy and Lisa Wildhaber, and on their oath declares that they are of sound mind and lawful age; that they contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve True-Up Filing*; and that the same is true and correct according to their best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

/s/ Cynthia M. Tandy  
Cynthia M. Tandy

/s/ Lisa Wildhaber  
Lisa Wildhaber