

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

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)	<u>Case No. EO-2021-0388</u>
Territorial Agreement Designating the Boundaries of)	Tariff No. YE-2022-0038
Each Electric Service Supplier in Portions of)	
Lafayette County, Missouri)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets Evergy Missouri West d/b/a Every Missouri West (Evergy West) filed that comply with the Commission’s Report and Order in this case (Tracking No. YE-2022-0038). In support Staff states as follows:

1. On August 4, 2021, the Commission issued its *Report and Order Approving Territorial Agreement* (Report and Order).
2. On August 18, 2021, Evergy West filed its substitute tariff sheets complying with the Report and Order. The tariff sheets have an effective date of September 3, 2021.
5. As detailed in the attached memorandum, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets and has determined that they accurately reflect the impacts of the revisions to the territorial agreement the Commission approved in its Report and Order in this case. However, Staff continues to recommend removal of owner names from the tariff sheets. Staff’s understanding is that Evergy West is filing substitute tariff sheets to implement Staff’s recommendation. Therefore to prevent delay in the tariff effective date, Staff will recommend approval of the tariff sheets, assuming the owners’ names are removed.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends to the Commission that it approve the revised tariff sheets to go into effect on September 3, 2021, the proposed effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 23rd day of August, 2021.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. EO-2021-0388, File No. YE-2022-0038
Evergy Missouri West, Inc.

FROM: Alan J. Bax, Industry Analysis Division – Engineering Analysis Dept.

/s/ Claire M. Eubanks, P.E. 08/23/2021 /s/ Nicole Mers 08/23/2021
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SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation Recommending Approval of Substitute Tariff Sheets Filed on August 18, 2021 in Accordance with the Commission’s Report and Order Issued August 4, 2021

DATE: August 23, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

On August 18, 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 3, 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 18, 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 3, 2021. 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 14, and Original Sheet 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 Evergy Missouri West. However, as Staff previously noted in its Memorandum recommending approval of the Territorial Agreement, Staff again recommends that the owner of the particular parcel not be identified in the description of the individual parcel and should be removed from the final tariff sheet revision (P.S.C. MO. No. 1, Original Sheet 17.4).

Tariff:

Upon removing the identification of the owner from each of the particular parcels included in the proposed tariff sheet revision as noted above, Staff recommends the following substitute tariff sheets, filed on August 18, 2021, be approved to become effective September 3, 2021:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

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

