

**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-2024-0026**
Containing 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, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro” or “Company”) filed an Application concerning its thirteenth true-up filing for Recovery Period 13 (“RP13”),¹ as allowed by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9), in order to remedy an over-collection of \$906,622 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, which in this case is August 30, 2023.

3. As explained in Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by preference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s thirteenth true-up filing for RP13, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$906,622 from its customers.

4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony, supporting schedules and work papers of Evergy Missouri Metro’s witness Lisa A. Starkebaum. Staff determined that

¹ April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for the true-up amount for RP13 were 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-2024-0027 for Accumulation Period 16.²

5. Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro is not delinquent on any assessment and filed its 2022 Annual Report. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports, required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports, required by 20 CSR 4240- 20.090(5). Except for Evergy Missouri Metro’s proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2024-0027, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits its analysis and recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s thirteenth true-up filing for RP13, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$906,622 from its customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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² January 1, 2023 and ended June 30, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 28th day of August, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2024-0026

FROM: Cynthia M. Tandy, Lead Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Cynthia M. Tandy / 08-28-2023
Energy Resources Department / Date

/s/ J. Scott Stacey / 08-28-2023
Staff Counsel's Office / Date

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

DATE: August 28, 2023

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the true-up filing for Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), for Recovery Period 13 ("RP13") during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$906,622 from its customers.

Discussion

On July 31, 2023, Evergy Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up¹ for RP13 under the provisions of its FAC tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). RP13 began April 1, 2022 and ended March 31, 2023. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 13 ("AP13"), which began July 1, 2021 and ended December 31, 2021.

Evergy Missouri Metro's filing is supported by the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Lisa A. Starkebaum, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Missouri Metro. The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed Ms. Starkebaum's direct testimony and supporting schedules, as well as the monthly information Evergy Missouri Metro submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

¹ True-ups are defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.40 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.

The interest of \$359,122 on line 9 of P.S.C. MO. No. 7 1st Revised Sheet No. 50.42² includes all interest³ for RP13 and Accumulation Period 16 (“AP16”). Ms. Starkebaum provides supporting work papers for the true-up amount of (\$906,622). Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for this over-collection of \$906,622 during RP13.

Staff Review

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted for RP13, Staff determined that Evergy Missouri Metro’s calculations for the true-up amount for RP13 are correct.

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro’s true-up filing for RP13, during which Evergy Missouri Metro over-collected \$906,622 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-2024-0027, also filed on July 31, 2023, for AP16, which began January 1, 2023 and ended June 30, 2023.

Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2022 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 its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2024-0027, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

² File No. ER-2024-0027 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2024-0013.

³ Interest is defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.39 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.

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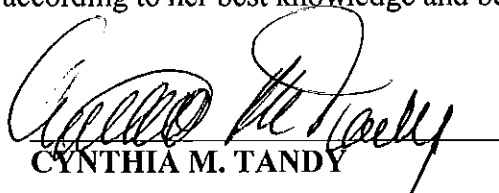
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AFFIDAVIT OF CYNTHIA M. TANDY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW CYNTHIA M. TANDY and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

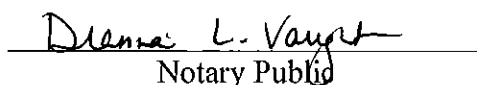
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


CYNTHIA M. TANDY

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 25th day of August, 2023.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027
Commission Number: 15207377


Notary Public