

**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 and)	
Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy)	
Missouri West for Permission and Approval of)	Case No. EA-2022-0043
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install,)	
Own, Operate, Maintain and Otherwise Control)	
and Manage Solar Generation Facilities in)	
Kansas City, Missouri.)	

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT COMPLIANCE

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

1. Pursuant to the *Stipulation & Agreement* (“Agreement”) filed in this docket on May 4, 2022¹ and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* (“Order”) issued on May 12, 2022, the Company hereby notifies the Commission that it has provided Staff (“Staff”) for the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) with documentation (“Compliance Documents”) required by the Agreement and the specific conditions agreed to therein.

2. Due to both the file size and volume of the Compliance Documents they have been provided to Staff and OPC via Secure File Transfer (“SFT”). The Company will retain an archive of the specific materials included in the Compliance Documents.

3. Additionally, information relating to cost variance is attached hereto as Attachment 1.²

¹ See *Agreement*, pp. 3-6, Paragraphs 10-12.

² *Id.* p. 5, Paragraph 10, Staff Proposed Condition 15.

4. Please note that the Compliance Documents do not include documentation related to the conditions specified below for reasons detailed, as follows:

- (i) Staff Proposed Condition 2: Previously provided as part of a supplemental response to DR-0036.
- (ii) Staff Proposed Condition 8 as modified: Hawthorne Unit #8 was not required to be taken offline to complete the interconnection work and, as such, no liquidated damages were assessed.
- (iii) Staff Proposed Condition 14 as modified: Installation of shunt reactors was not required.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests the Commission take notice of the information contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Roger W. Steiner

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**ATTORNEYS FOR EVERGY MISSOURI
METRO AND EVERGY MISSOURI
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 10th day of March 2023.

Roger W. Steiner

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March 10, 2023

Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Hawthorne Solar CCN; Docket No. EA-2022-0043

Dear Secretary:

Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, the “Company”) entered into a *Stipulation & Agreement* (“Agreement”) filed in this docket on May 4, 2022 which was approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement* (“Order”) issued on May 12, 2022.

While reviewing final project spend, the Company discovered that financing charges (“AFUDC”) were not included in the proposed budget for Hawthorn Solar during the initial docket filing. This oversight was due to the fact that AFUDC is budgeted at the operating company level and not typically applied to project level budgets. Due to the SSP tariff structure and the need to account for all costs associated with this project, AFUDC charges should have been included in the project budget as they are prudently incurred costs of the project. The AFUDC charges incurred for this project have amounted to approximately ** [REDACTED] **.

Per Condition 15¹ of the Agreement, the Company is required to file a notice in the case docket stating that the project costs have increased by greater than 5% as compared to the proposed budget. The overall project cost (less AFUDC) has exceeded the initial budget by ** [REDACTED] **. Due to the oversight of not including AFUDC in the initial budget, if AFUDC charges are included in the overall project cost, the variance compared to the proposed budget is ** [REDACTED] **. Given this information, the Company thought it best to notify the Commission of the budgeting oversight and its impact to the total project cost.

The confidential schedule attached hereto outlines the final project spend and includes the project cost variance both with and without AFUDC charges included.

¹ “Staff recommends the Commission require that the final solar block cost should not exceed the maximum rate of \$0.13880 per kWh as stated in the SSP tariff and that the Company immediately file a notice in this case docket in EFIS if they become aware of any significant cost increases or any cost increases that would result in a final facility total cost variance of 5% or more from the proposed facility total cost estimate[...].”
See Stipulation and Agreement, p. 5, Paragraph 11, Staff Proposed Condition 15 as modified.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Steiner".

Roger W. Steiner
Corporate Counsel

**ATTACHMENT 1, PAGE 3 of 3
CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION
NOT AVAILBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

ORIGINAL FILED UNDER SEAL.**