

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

In the Matter of KCP&L Greater Missouri)	<u>File No. ET-2020-0092</u>
Operations Company's Annual RESRAM)	Tariff No. JE-2020-0049
Tariff Filing)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* as follows:

1. On September 30, 2019, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy West"), formerly KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company, filed a letter and four revised tariff sheets designed to adjust its renewable energy standard adjustment mechanism ("RESRAM") pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100. The submitted tariff sheets have an effective date of December 1, 2019.

2. Evergy West's filing included the proposed tariff sheets and supporting workpapers consisting of electronic worksheets showing Evergy West's calculation of the updated RESRAM rate.

3. On October 16, 2019, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheets no later than November 6, 2019.

4. As more fully detailed in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as *Appendix A*, Staff has reviewed the data and calculations provided by Evergy West related to its proposed tariff sheets and recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheets as filed on September 30, 2019, with an effective date of December 1, 2019, or allow the tariff sheets to go into effect by operation of law that same date. Customers using 1,000 kWh per month will see a \$0.05 increase per month, increasing

the current RESRAM charge from \$0.83 to \$0.88 per 1,000 kWh, through November 2020.

5. Staff has verified that Evergy West has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets as filed by Evergy West on September 30, 2019, with an effective date of December 1, 2019, or allow the tariff sheets to go into effect by operation of law that same date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

2nd Revised Sheet No. 137, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 137

2nd Revised Sheet No. 137.1, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 137.1

2nd Revised Sheet No. 137.2, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 137.2

7th Revised Sheet No. 137.3, Canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 137.3

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 6th day of November 2019, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. ET-2020-0092 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2020-0049

FROM: Nancy Harris, Utility Regulatory Auditor I

/s/ Robin Kliethermes / 11/6/2019 /s/ Travis Pringle / 11/6/2019
Manager, Rate & Tariff Examination/ Date Staff Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet Filed to Adjust the Renewable Energy Standard Rate Adjustment Mechanism of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. formerly KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company

DATE: November 6, 2019

BACKGROUND

On September 30, 2019, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. (Evergy Missouri West), formerly KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company ("GMO"), filed a letter and four (4) revised tariff sheets designed to adjust its renewable energy standard rate adjustment mechanism ("RESRAM") pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100. The submitted tariffs bore an effective date of December 1, 2019 and were filed under Tariff Tracking No. JE-2020-0049.

The total RESRAM expense balance as of August 31, 2019 was \$31,964,539, which includes \$4,388,664 in solar rebate payments authorized under Section 393.1670 RSMo. The annual Allowable RESRAM Revenue Requirement is \$7,207,581, which is 1% of retail billed revenues from ER-2018-0146 in the amount of \$720,758,136.

Using Evergy Missouri West's projected energy level of 8,154,592,602 kWh and the revenue requirement mentioned above, the RESRAM rate is \$0.00088. Customers using 1,000 kWh per month will see a \$0.05 increase per month and will pay \$0.88 per month. Application of this rate will not exceed the 3.0% annual rate cap pursuant to Section 393.1655 RSMo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheets as submitted on September 30, 2019, and recommends the Commission issue an order either approving the tariff sheets or allowing the tariff sheets to take effect by operation of law on December 1, 2019.

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7th Revised Sheet No. 137.3, canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 137.3

Staff has verified that Evergy Missouri West has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

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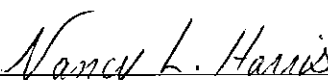
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AFFIDAVIT OF NANCY L. HARRIS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Nancy L. Harris, and on her oath states 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.

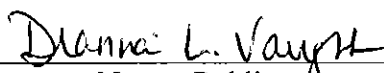
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Nancy L. Harris

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 6th day of November, 2019. _



Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission Number: 15207377
