

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of )  
Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri )  
Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a )  
Evergy Missouri West for Approval of Tariff )  
Revisions to TOU Program )

**File No. ET-2024-0061**

## ORDER AND NOTICE

Issue Date: September 11, 2023

Effective Date: September 11, 2023

On September 8, 2023, Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively, Evergy) filed the above-referenced application. Evergy requests four modifications to change its Time-of-Use (TOU) Implementation Program tariffs. Specifically, those four requests are:

- (i) Modify the default TOU rate from the high differential 2-period TOU rate [i.e. Standard Peak Saver] to the low differential Peak Adjustment TOU rate [i.e. Peak Reward Saver];
- (ii) Modify the tariffs to allow residential customers to opt-in to the traditional residential rate (i.e. "Anytime Plan") which has historically been in effect and is proposed to be offered as an option beginning May 1, 2024 rather than being terminated as scheduled under the approved TOU Implementation Program;
- (iii) Restrict rate switching to mitigate adverse revenue impacts by selective switching between the offered tariffs to artificially lower a customer's annual bill below reasonable cost of service through tariff selection only;
- (iv) Revise the estimates of education, outreach and implementation costs consistent with the revisions requested to be approved in the Application.

The tariffs bear an effective date of October 8, 2023. However, the application includes a motion for expedited treatment, in which Evergy asks for the Commission to approve the tariffs no later than September 29, 2023. Evergy does so because it states it is required to implement the TOU program no later than October 1, 2023.

The Commission will give notice of the application, and will order expedited responses. In an effort to accommodate Evergy's request for expedited treatment, the Commission will reserve a time for hearing on less than ten days' notice. The Commission finds it is in the public interest to set a hearing on less than ten days' notice because of implementation of the TOU program no later than October 1, 2023. For the same reason, the Commission will shorten the time for intervention requests, and will make parties to Evergy's prior rate cases parties to this case without the need to request intervention.

Evergy states that it intends to file a late-filed exhibit which will estimate and summarize its incremental costs for the proposed changes to TOU no later than September 20, 2023. The Commission may schedule an additional hearing on that exhibit, if needed.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. All parties in File Nos. ER-2022-0129 and ER-2022-0130 shall be made parties to this file.
2. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than September 14, 2023.

3. The Commission's Staff shall file a Recommendation on Evergy's four requests, or a status report stating when it expects to file its Recommendation, no later than September 13, 2023.

4. Any other responses to the application or to Staff's pleading shall be filed no later than September 15, 2023.

5. If needed, a hearing on the tariff shall be held on September 19, 2023. The hearing shall begin at 9 a.m. at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri  
on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**September 11, 2023**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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