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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

LISA A. STARKEBAUM

ON BEHALF OF

EVERGY MISSOURI METRO and EVERGY MISSOURI WEST

**Kansas City, Missouri
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I. INTRODUCTION

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A: My name is Lisa A. Starkebaum. My business address is 1200 Main, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

Q: By whom and in what capacity are you employed?

A: I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. and serve as Manager – Regulatory Affairs for Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a as Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”), Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”), Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Kansas Metro (“Evergy Kansas Metro”), and Evergy Kansas Central, Inc. and Evergy South, Inc., collectively d/b/a as Evergy Kansas Central (“Evergy Kansas Central”) the operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.

Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?

A: I am testifying on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West (collectively, the “Company”).

Q: What are your responsibilities?

A: My responsibilities include the coordination, preparation and review of financial information and schedules associated with the compliance and rider mechanism tariff filings for the above-mentioned operating utilities of Evergy, Inc.

1 **Q: Please describe your education, experience and employment history.**

2 A: In 1994, I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from Northwest Missouri
3 State University in Maryville, Missouri. In 1995, I joined Cerner Corporation as an
4 Accountant in the Finance Department assisting with month-end close and reporting
5 responsibilities. In 1997, I joined Aquila, Inc. (“Aquila”) where I worked in the Financial
6 and Regulatory Reporting group as an Accountant, until joining Regulatory Accounting
7 Services as a Regulatory Analyst in 1999. I was employed by Aquila for a total of 11 years
8 prior to beginning my employment with KCP&L in July 2008 as a part of the acquisition
9 of Aquila, Inc., by Great Plains Energy Incorporated. Since that time, I have held various
10 positions with increasing responsibilities within Regulatory Accounting Services and
11 Regulatory Affairs. As a Lead Analyst in the Regulatory Affairs department, my main areas
12 of responsibility included the preparation of FERC and jurisdictional reporting, and the
13 preparation of rate cases and rate case support for both KCP&L and GMO. In December
14 2015, I became a Supervisor, Regulatory Affairs responsible for overseeing a team
15 dedicated to compliance reporting and was later promoted to Manager, Regulatory Affairs
16 effective June 2018. In my current position, I am responsible for overseeing various
17 reporting requirements to ensure Evergy is compliant with its jurisdictional rules and
18 regulations, in addition to the implementation of new reporting or commitments resulting
19 from various rate case orders and other regulatory filings. In addition, I oversee the
20 coordination, review and filing of the various rider mechanisms.

1 **Q: Have you previously testified in a proceeding at the Missouri Public Service**
2 **Commission (“MPSC” or “Commission”) or before any other utility regulatory**
3 **agency?**

4 A: Yes, I have testified before the MPSC, the Kansas Corporation Commission (“KCC” or
5 “Commission”) and have provided written testimony before the Public Utilities
6 Commission of Colorado. I have sponsored testimony in Missouri related to various tariff
7 filings involving rider mechanisms. In addition, I have worked closely with both MPSC
8 and KCC Staff on numerous filings and rate case matters.

9 **Q: What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

10 A: The purpose of my testimony is to address Staff’s August 30, 2023 Report requesting a
11 disallowance or Ordered Adjustment (“OA”) of \$2,076.20 related to SPP administrative
12 fees under Schedule 1 and 1a that Evergy Missouri West included in its FAR filing
13 covering the period of March 2022.

14 **Q: Did Evergy Missouri West include \$2,076.20 in SPP administrative fees through the**
15 **FAC?**

16 A: Yes. For the month of March 2022, the Company included a total of \$38,910.60 in SPP
17 charges in its FAC calculation as provided in response to data request Q0040.3. Of that
18 \$38,910.60, \$926.40 was related to SPP Schedule 1a and \$1,149.80 was related to SPP
19 Schedule 1 fees for a total of \$2,076.20.

20 **Q: Why were these charges incurred?**

21 A: These charges represented short-term transmission service purchased to facilitate physical
22 power imports from the MISO RTO into the SPP RTO. Weather alerts for the operating

1 days of February 3 and February 4, 2022 were issued which necessitated short term
2 procurement of transmission paths.

3 **Q: Please explain.**

4 A: In early February 2022, the SPP RTO was experiencing advisories due to forecasted
5 extreme cold weather and precipitation. Natural gas pipelines that Evergy Missouri West
6 relies on for generation fuel were issuing weather alerts and warnings of potential
7 interrupted natural gas flows during this event. Due to the Company's net energy position
8 to the market, Evergy determined it was appropriate to prepare for diversifying energy
9 sources.

10 **Q: Are SPP administrative fees recoverable through the FAC?**

11 A: Generally, SPP administrative fees are not recoverable through the FAC.

12 **Q: What language in the FAC tariff did the Company rely on to support the inclusion of
13 these costs for recovery in the FAC?**

14 A: Evergy Missouri West's FAC tariff, revised sheet no. 127.16 provides the following
15 definition, "Subaccount 565000: non-SPP transmission used to serve off-system or to make
16 purchases for load..."

17 The procurement of MISO "non-SPP" short-term firm transmission was made in
18 order to make purchases for the Company's load. The Company viewed this event as a
19 short-term transaction that fell outside of the normal course of business.

20 **Q: Does that conclude your testimony?**

21 A: Yes, it does.

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

In the Matter of the Fifth Prudence Review)
of Costs Subject to the Commission-)
Approved Fuel Adjustment Clause of) Case No. EO-2023-0276
Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri)
Metro)


In the Matter of the Eleventh Prudence)
Review of Costs Subject to the)
Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment) Case No. EO-2023-0277
Clause of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a)
Evergy Missouri West)

AFFIDAVIT OF LISA A. STARKEBAUM

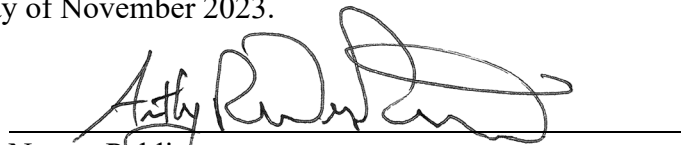
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF JACKSON)

Lisa A. Starkebaum, being first duly sworn on his oath, states:

1. My name is Lisa A. Starkebaum. I work in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am employed by Evergy Metro, Inc. as Manager – Regulatory Affairs.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Direct Testimony on behalf of Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West consisting of four (4) pages, having been prepared in written form for introduction into evidence in the above-captioned docket.
3. I have knowledge of the matters set forth therein. I hereby swear and affirm that my answers contained in the attached testimony to the questions therein propounded, including any attachments thereto, are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Lisa A. Starkebaum

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of November 2023.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 4/26/2025

