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Ms. Nancy Dippell Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Re: Tariff Schedule to Adjust FAC Rate of Evergy Missouri West

Dear Ms. Dippell:

Pursuant to 20 C.S.R. 4240-20.090(8) of the regulations of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West or the "Company" hereby submits proposed rate schedules to adjust charges related to the Company's approved Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). The proposed rate schedule bears an issue date of December 29, 2023, and an effective date of March 1, 2024.

For the 33rd accumulation period covering the period of June 2023 through November 2023, Evergy Missouri West's actual FAC includable costs exceeded the base energy costs included in base rates by approximately \$2.9 million. In accordance with the Commission's rule and the Company's approved FAC, Evergy Missouri West has calculated the FAC tariff that provides for a change in rates to recover 95% of those cost changes, or approximately \$2.7 million, plus interest. These amounts are before true-up or any other adjustments.

In addition, a true-up filing is being made concurrent with this filing covering the 30th accumulation period of December 2021 through May 2022 and its corresponding recovery period of September 2022 through August 2023. The proposed 30th accumulation period true-up amount results in an under-recovery of \$7,860,978. However, also included in this true-up filing is a settlement amount related to Missouri West's 31st accumulation period, Case No. ER-2023-0210 of \$40,157,565. Therefore; the total 30th accumulation period true-up filing amounts to \$48,018,543. In summary, all of these amounts combined including interest result in a proposed 33rd accumulation period FPA of \$54.5 million to be collected from customers.

The proposed FAC charge for residential customers is a charge of \$0.01284 per kWh. Based on usage of 1,000 kWh per month, the customer will see a monthly charge of \$12.84. This represents an increase of \$4.28 to an Evergy Missouri West residential customer's monthly bill compared to the current monthly FAC charge of \$8.56. Ms. Dippell Secretary/CRLJ Page 2

Direct Testimony and supporting schedules of Lisa A. Starkebaum are submitted concurrently herewith along with schedules containing the information required by 20 C.S.R. 4240-20.090(8), including all workpapers that support the proposed rate schedules.

Copies of the proposed FAC-related rate schedules and all supporting materials described in this letter will be served electronically, this date, on the Commission's General Counsel, the Office of Staff Counsel, the Office of Public Counsel, and each party to Case No. ER-2022-0130.

Please provide a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders, and other communications that relate to this filing to the following as well as undersigned counsel:

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Respectfully submitted,

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