

**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	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2024-0220</u></b>
Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel	)	
Adjustment Clause True-Up	)	
	)	
In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a	)	
Evergy Missouri Metro for Authority to	)	<b><u>File No. ER-2024-0221</u></b>
Implement Rate Adjustments Required by	)	Tariff No. JE-2024-0107
20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and the	)	
Company's Approved Fuel Purchased	)	
Power Cost Recovery Mechanism	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Staff Recommendation states as follows:

1. On February 1, 2024, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and Setting Deadlines for Intervention Applications and Staff's Recommendation* in both Case No. EO-2024-0220 and ER-2024-0221. The *Order* stated that no later than March 1, 2024, Staff shall file recommendations regarding its analysis of Evergy Missouri Metro's application and proposed tariff sheet.

2. On January 31, 2024, In Case No. ER-2024-0221, Evergy Missouri Metro filed a proposed revised tariff sheet, P.S.C. MO. No. 7 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50.42, canceling P.S.C. MO. No. 7 1st Revised Sheet No. 50.42, with revised fuel adjustment rates (lines 17, 21, 25, and 29 on 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50.42) of its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"), and bearing an effective date of April 1, 2024.

3. Also on January 31, 2024, in Case No. EO-2024-0220, Evergy Missouri Metro initiated a rate adjustment mechanism ("RAM") true-up, to be included in the proposed revised fuel adjustment rate ("FAR") laid out in ER-2024-0221. According to

Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for Recovery Period 14 ("RP14") for billing months (October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023), Evergy Missouri Metro under-collected from its customers \$42,893 following its Accumulation Period 14 ("AP14") (January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022). This amount is reflected on line 8 of the 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50.42.

4. The FPA (Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment) amount in File No. ER-2024-0221 represents an over-recovery of \$1,395,866 as shown on line 11 of the 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50.42. The proposed changes to FARs will result in a change for the typical Evergy Missouri Metro residential customer's monthly bill (based on 1,000 kWh), before taxes, from \$1.26 to \$0.15, for a decrease of \$1.11.

5. Based on its examination and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted in these cases, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP14 and the proposed 2nd Revised Sheet No. 50.42, canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 50.42, to become effective on April 1, 2024, subject to both true-up and prudence reviews for the RP17 period.

6. Further explanation of this recommendation is provided in the memos attached to this pleading.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays the Commission will accept this recommendation; will issue an order approving this true-up filing; will permit this tariff sheet to take effect on April 1, 2024; and will grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**/s/ Tracy D. Johnson**