STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 30th day of May, 2024.

| In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. |) | |
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| d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Request for |) | File No. ER-2024-0189 |
| Authority to Implement a General Rate |) | Tariff No. JE-2024-0110 |
| Increase for Electric Service | | |

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: May 30, 2024 Effective Date: May 30, 2024

Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West submitted tariff sheets on February 2, 2024, to produce a net increase in its electric base rates of approximately \$104.5 million. On March 8, 2024, the Commission has ordered a procedural schedule, but did not set local public hearings.

On April 29, 2024, Evergy Missouri West, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Local Public Hearing Notice. No party has objected. Thus, the Commission will order local public hearings and a corresponding notice.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make an informal presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing. Comments to the Commission from the public will begin at the conclusion of the question and answer session.

- 2. Evergy Missouri West, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer sessions. Any other party may also choose to have a representative present.
- 3. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Evergy Missouri West shall provide notice of the hearings to each of its customers. Such notice shall use the following language:

Evergy Missouri West ("Evergy") has filed a rate increase request with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("PSC"). The requested increase would total approximately \$109 million for an approximate increase of 13.99% in the territory served as Evergy Missouri West. This includes an increase in fuel costs of \$4.7 million.

For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately 17% or \$17.52 per month. Of this increase, approximately 0.57% is for changes in fuel costs.

Evergy has also asked the PSC to continue the Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). The FAC allows Evergy to adjust customers' bills two times per year based on the varying cost of fuel and power purchased in the current volatile market. The FAC adjustment is applied to customers' bills based on the customer's usage.

Any increase or decrease in fuel costs is reflected in the FAC. This means the customer bill is based on more current fuel costs.

Local Public Hearing Information

The PSC is holding public hearings where customers can ask questions and testify about Evergy's rate request. Customers are encouraged to participate in the hearings.

Each hearing is divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of Evergy, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and the PSC Staff. The PSC Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will not attend the informal question and answer session. Your questions and the answers provided will not be part of the evidence the PSC reviews. In the second part, PSC Commissioners and a regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify as part of the official record of the case.

Public hearings will be held in person and virtually according to the following schedule:

| Monday, July 29, 2024 | St. Joseph City Hall – Council Chambers |
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| 6:00 p.m. | 1100 Frederick Ave. |
| | St. Joseph, MO |
| Tuesday, July 30, 2024 | Lee's Summit North High School—Performing |
| 6:00 p.m. | Arts Center |
| | 901 NE Douglas |
| | Lee's Summit, MO |
| Wednesday, July 31, 2024 | Sedalia City Hall – Council Chambers |
| 6:00 p.m. | 200 S. Osage Ave. |
| | Sedalia, MO |

| Date/Time | Location | Access Information |
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| Thursday, August 1, 2024 | WebEx | Access Code: 2631 343 1287 |
| 12:00 p.m. | WODEX | Password: 0189 |
| Thursday, August 1, 2024 | WebEx | Access Code: 2632 648 7092 |
| 6:00 p.m. | | Password: 0189 |

Anyone is welcome to attend the in-person local public hearings at the addresses and times listed above.

To attend a virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call toll-free, listen to the prompt and enter the corresponding meeting number listed above followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter the corresponding password listed above. To attend a virtual local public hearing by WebEx video (internet), visit the website www.webex.com. You can also download the Cisco WebEx meetings application on your mobile device, laptop, desktop, or tablet prior to the hearing and join the meeting at the hearing time by entering the corresponding meeting number and password listed above.

To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the WebEx question-and-answer session or make comment to the Commission during a WebEx hearing should register by calling 800-392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

Any individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings should contact the PSC at least ten days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, or if you would like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 Telephone: (800) 392-4211

Email: pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

In addition, you may also provide comments or request additional information from the OPC, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting the OPC directly at:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 2230

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Telephone: (866) 922-2959 (toll free) or (573) 751-4857

Email: opcservice@opc.mo.gov

Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments. From this webpage, click on "Submit comments" under the heading "Submit Comments in Writing." When submitting comments please reference File No. ER-2024-0189.

All documents filed as part of the rate review can be found on the PSC's EFIS at psc.mo.gov/general/efis, click on "Docket Sheet" under the heading "EFIS Shortcuts," and enter Case No. ER-2024-0189.

- 4. So that everyone has a chance to speak, comments at the hearings will be limited to five minutes per person.
- 5. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the media and the General Assembly representing customers in Evergy Missouri West's electric service areas.
- 6. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission for each county in Evergy Missouri West's service area.
 - 7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman Kolkmeyer, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 30th day of May 2024.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION May 30, 2024

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

Sincerely.

Secretary

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