

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. )  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Submission of ) **File No. EO-2024-0298**  
Its 2024 Renewable Energy Standard )  
Compliance Plan )

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a )  
Evergy Missouri Metro's Submission of Its ) **File No. EO-2024-0299**  
2024 Renewable Energy Standard )  
Compliance Plan )

In the Matter of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. )  
d/b/a Evergy Missouri West's Submission of ) **File No. EO-2024-0300**  
Its 2023 Renewable Energy Standard )  
Compliance Report )

In the Matter of Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a )  
Evergy Missouri Metro's Submission of Its ) **File No. EO-2024-0301**  
2023 Renewable Energy Standard )  
Compliance Report )

**NOTICE REGARDING 2023 RES COMPLIANCE REPORTS AND  
2024 RES COMPLIANCE PLANS AND ORDER GRANTING VARIANCE**

Issue Date: July 10, 2024

Effective date: August 9, 2024

On April 15, 2024,<sup>1</sup> Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West and Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (collectively, Evergy) filed their Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plans (Plans) for 2024, as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(B).<sup>2</sup> RES Compliance Reports (Reports) for

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all dates refer to the year 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Evergy Missouri West's submission of its 2024 RES Compliance Plan was assigned File No. EO-2024-0298; Evergy Missouri Metro's submission of its 2024 RES Compliance Plan was assigned File No. EO-2024-0299.

2023, as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A), were filed by Evergy Missouri West on April 15 and Evergy Missouri Metro on April 16.<sup>3</sup>

Along with its Reports, Evergy requested a limited variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V), which requires meter readings used for calculation of the payments for Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) by the electric utility to renewable energy resources not owned by the electric utility. Evergy explained in its Reports that certain meter reading information is not provided by the vendors from whom Evergy purchases RECs, but that substitute invoice information was submitted to the Staff of the Commission (Staff).

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8) requires Staff to review the utilities' compliance Reports and Plans and to file a report about its review within 45 days of the filing of the Reports and Plans. The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and any other interested parties have the same 45-day period in which to file comments.<sup>4</sup>

On May 31, Staff filed its *Report and Recommendation* – a report on its review of the Reports and Plans in each case. Staff reported that Evergy's 2024 Plans meet the minimum requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(B). Staff also reported that Evergy complied with RES requirements for its Reports for the 2023 compliance year. However, Staff noted an error in Evergy Missouri West's Report as to the number of RECs and recommended that Evergy Missouri West file a corrected Report. Neither OPC nor any other parties filed comments on the Reports and Plans.

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<sup>3</sup> Evergy Missouri West's submission of its 2023 RES Compliance Report was assigned File No. EO-2024-0300; Evergy Missouri Metro's submission of its 2023 RES Compliance Report was assigned File No. EO-2024-0301.

<sup>4</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(D).

On June 10, Evergy Missouri West filed a *Response to Staff Recommendation* (Response) in which it stated that it had communicated with Staff and that Staff indicated that a revised report is not necessary since the RECs at issue were transferred after the RES Report's due date and, thus, will be included in the next RES Report. Neither Staff nor any other party has responded to Evergy Missouri West's Response.<sup>5</sup>

Staff's *Report and Recommendation* recommend the Commission grant Evergy the requested limited variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) to substitute invoices or another reasonable substitute when meter readings are not available from the vendors from which Evergy purchases RECs. For Evergy Missouri West, the limited variance would apply to energy purchases from the Cimarron Bend III, Ensign, Gray County, Osborn, Prairie Queen, Pratt, and Rock Creek wind farms. For Evergy Missouri Metro, the limited variance would apply to energy purchases from the Cimarron, Osborn, Ponderosa, Prairie Queen, Pratt, Rock Creek, Slate Creek, Spearville, and Waverly wind farms. The Commission finds the variance request reasonable and will grant it.

The Commission's rule concerning RES Compliance Reports and Plans does not identify a required action the Commission is to take, except to allow the Commission to direct the utility to provide additional information or to address any concerns or deficiencies identified in the comments.<sup>6</sup> Consequently, no further action by the Commission is required.

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<sup>5</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days from the date of filing of any pleading in which to respond to the pleading, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

<sup>6</sup> 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(F).

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Evergy is granted a limited variance from the requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.I.(V) that meter readings be used for calculation of the payments for RECs by the electric utility to renewable energy resources not owned by the electric utility. Invoices from the resource may be used in lieu of meter readings that were unavailable to Evergy for energy purchases from the Cimarron, Cimarron Bend III, Ensign, Gray County, Osborn, Ponderosa, Prairie Queen, Pratt, Rock Creek, Spearville, and Waverly wind farms.
2. This order shall be effective on August 9, 2024.
3. This file shall be closed on August 10, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

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

Seyer, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.**



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

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**July 10, 2024**

**File/Case No. EO-2024-0298, EO-2024-0299, EO-2024-0300 and EO-2024-0301**

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

*Sincerely,*



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Secretary**

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