

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Cost Recovery Mechanism )  
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) **File No. ER-2024-0382**  
) Tariff No. JE-2024-0172  
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In the Matter of the Application of Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel Adjustment Clause True-Up )  
) **File No. EO-2024-0381**  
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**ORDER APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT  
TRUE-UP AND APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE  
FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES**

Issue Date: August 14, 2024

Effective Date: September 1, 2024

On June 28, 2024, Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West submitted its proposed tariff<sup>1</sup> to implement its Fuel Adjustment Rate (FAR) for the accumulation period ending May 2024 and the recovery period ending February 2024 as required by Section 386.266, RSMo, and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8).<sup>2</sup>

Evergy Missouri West also submitted an application<sup>3</sup> containing its 31<sup>st</sup> true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC), as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR

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1 File No. ER-2024-0382.

2 Evergy Missouri West filed a substitute tariff sheet on July 26, 2024 to remove an adjustment related to Winter Storm Uri of \$117,070. This followed discussions with Staff of the Commission and the Office of Public Counsel.

3 File No. EO-2024-0381.

4240-20.090(9). Evergy Missouri West requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff bearing an effective date of September 1, 2024.

### **FAC true-up**

The true-up amount identified in EO-2024-0381 is the result of an over-collection of \$3,556,358 from customers during Recovery Period 31 (RP31) from March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024. That true-up amount is included in the Fuel and Purchased Power (FPA) amount in Evergy Missouri West's Accumulation Period 34 (AP34) adjustment filing in File No. ER-2024-0382, which Evergy Missouri West filed in compliance with its FAC.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation regarding Evergy Missouri West's True-up on July 31, 2024, in which it examined the direct testimony of Lisa A. Starkebaum, her supporting work papers, and the monthly information Evergy Missouri West provided with its application. Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri West's RP31 true-up filing for inclusion in the changes in Evergy Missouri West's AP34 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2024-0382.

Based on the Commission's review of the verified filings, the Commission finds that the true-up amount is correct. The Commission will authorize Evergy Missouri West to include the calculated amount in its next FAC accumulation period as previously described.

### **FAC tariff**

With regard to Evergy Missouri West's request to approve its FAC tariff, as substituted on July 26, 2024, the dollar amount used to calculate the proposed rate schedules for A34 is (\$6,936,226), which includes (\$6,256,387),<sup>4</sup> the true-up amount for

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<sup>4</sup> This quantity represents 95% of the difference between: a) Evergy Missouri West's Missouri jurisdiction

RP31 of \$(3,556,358),<sup>5</sup> and interest for AP34 of \$2,849,519. Based on an average usage of 1,000 kWh per month, Evergy Missouri West's requested adjustment would result in a decrease in the bill of a typical residential customer of approximately \$7.17 per month.

Staff filed a recommendation regarding Evergy Missouri West's tariff on July 31, 2024. Staff verified that Evergy Missouri West's actual fuel and purchased power costs match the fuel and purchased power costs included in the company's calculated rates set out in the submitted tariff. Staff also reviewed Evergy Missouri West's monthly interest rates that are applied to the monthly cumulative over- and under-recovery amounts for AP34, and RP31, and the calculation of the monthly amounts. Staff recommends the Commission approve the FAR tariff to become effective on the September 1, 2024.

Commission rules allow parties ten days to respond to pleadings, unless otherwise ordered. Ten days have elapsed and no party has objected to Staff's recommendations.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) requires the Commission to issue an order approving or rejecting the company's tariff within 60 days of its filing. If the FAC rate adjustment complies with the Commission's rule, Section 386.266, RSMo, and the FAC mechanism established in the most recent general rate proceeding, the Commission is required to approve the rate adjustment or allow the proposed tariff implementing the adjustment go into effect by operation of law.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission has reviewed Evergy Missouri West's verified application, Evergy

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actual fuel costs plus purchased power costs plus net emissions allowance costs less off-system sales revenue and less renewable energy credits (REC) revenue, and b) Evergy Missouri West's Missouri jurisdiction net base energy cost during AP34.

<sup>5</sup> There was also a correction of \$1,968.56.

<sup>6</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)

Missouri West's tariff filing, and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum, and finds that the tariff sheet implementing the FAC rate adjustment is in compliance with the Commission's order establishing the FAC and with all applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, the Commission will approve Evergy Missouri West's proposed tariff.

Without Commission action, the tariff will become effective by operation of law on September 1, 2024. Additionally, as noted above, the Commission's rule requires an order be issued within 60 days of the tariff filing. Therefore, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The true-up amount for Recovery Period 31 is established for Evergy Missouri West as an over-collection of \$3,556,358 from its customers and shall be reflected in the rate adjustment in Commission File No. ER-2024-0382.

2. Evergy Missouri West's tariff filing in File No. ER-2024-0382, as substituted on July 26, 2024, and assigned Tracking No. JE-2024-0172, is approved to be effective September 1, 2024, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff approved is:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 1**

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 127.34, Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 127.34

3. This order shall become effective on September 1, 2024.

4. These files shall close on September 2, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

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Secretary

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

Fewell, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*

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**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**August 14, 2024**

**File/Case No. ER-2024-0382 and EO-2024-0381**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell  
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