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)	File No. EO-2025-0038
Containing Its Semi-Annual Fuel)	
Adjustment Clause True-Up)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Staff Recommendation to Approve True-Up Filing respectfully states:

- 1. On July 31, 2024, Evergy Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up for Recovery Period 15 (RP15) under the provisions of its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240- 20.090(9). RP15 began April 1, 2023 and ended March 31, 2024. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 15 (AP15), which began July 1, 2022 and ended December 31, 2022.
- 2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(D) requires the Commission's Staff to examine and analyze the information Evergy Missouri Metro has submitted. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides a 60-day timeline for resolution of these rate adjustment mechanism proceedings. The Commission ordered Staff to file its Report and Recommendation no later than August 30, 3024.
- 3. As explained in Staff's Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP15 and Accumulation Period 18 (AP18). Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro's calculations for this under-collection of \$1,809,350 from its customers.

- 4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony, supporting schedules and work papers of Evergy Missouri Metro witness Lisa A. Starkebaum. Staff has determined that Evergy Missouri Metro's calculations for the true-up amount for RP15 are correct. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP15 during which Evergy Missouri Metro under-collected \$1,809,350 from its customers. The under-collection amount is included in Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0039, also filed on July 31, 2024, for AP18, which began January 1, 2024 and ended June 30, 2024.
- 5. Staff verified that Evergy Missouri Metro filed its 2023 Annual Report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Evergy Missouri Metro is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its periodic reports, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0039, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP15 during which Evergy Missouri Metro under-collected \$1,809,350 from its customers with the under-collected amount to be included in Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0039, also filed on July 31, 2024, for AP18, which began January 1, 2024 and ended June 30, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,

Isi Paul 7. Graham

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 29th day of August, 2024.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

File No. EO-2025-0038

FROM: Stacy Henderson Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Stacy Henderson August 29, 2024 Energy Resources Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning Evergy Metro, Inc.,

d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under

the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: August 29, 2024

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve the true-up filing for Evergy Metro, Inc., d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro ("Evergy Missouri Metro"), for Recovery Period 15 ("RP15") during which Evergy Missouri Metro under-collected \$1,809,350 from its customers.

Discussion

On July 31, 2024, Evergy Missouri Metro filed with the Commission its fuel adjustment clause ("FAC") true-up¹ for RP15 under the provisions of its FAC tariff sheets and 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). RP15 began April 1, 2023, and ended March 31, 2024. It was preceded by Accumulation Period 15 ("AP15"), which began July 1, 2022, and ended December 31, 2022.

Evergy Missouri Metro's filing is supported by the direct testimony and supporting schedules of Lisa A. Starkebaum, Manager - Regulatory Affairs at Evergy Missouri Metro. The Missouri Public Service Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed Ms. Starkebaum's direct testimony and supporting schedules, as well as the monthly information Evergy Missouri Metro submitted to the Commission in accordance with 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

¹ True-ups are defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.40 as:

After completion of each RP, the Company shall make a true-up filing by the filing date of its next FAR filing. Any true-up adjustments shall be reflected in component "T" above. Interest on the true-up adjustment will be included in component "I" above. The true-up amount shall be the difference between the revenues billed and the revenues authorized for collection during the RP as well as any corrections identified to be included in the current FAR filing. Any corrections included will be discussed in the testimony accompanying the true-up filing.

The interest of \$433,758 on line 9 of P.S.C. MO. No. 7 3rd Revised Sheet No. 50.42² includes all interest³ for RP15 and Accumulation Period 18 ("AP18"). Ms. Starkebaum provides supporting work papers for the true-up amount of \$1,809,350. Staff agrees with Evergy Missouri Metro's calculations for this under-collection of \$1,809,350 during RP15.

Staff Review

Based on its review and analysis of the information Evergy Missouri Metro filed and submitted for RP15, Staff determined that Evergy Missouri Metro's calculations for the true-up amount for RP15 are correct.

Staff recommends the Commission approve Evergy Missouri Metro's true-up filing for RP15, during which Evergy Missouri Metro under-collected \$1,809,350 from its customers. The under-collection amount is included in Evergy Missouri Metro's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0039, also filed on July 31, 2024, for AP18, which began January 1, 2024, and ended June 30, 2024.

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³ Interest is defined on Evergy Missouri Metro, P.S.C.MO. No. 7, Original Sheet No. 50.39 as:

Interest applicable to (i) the difference between Missouri Retail ANEC and B for all kWh of energy supplied during an AP until those costs have been recovered; (ii) refunds due to prudence reviews ("P"), if any; and (iii) all under- or over-recovery balances created through operation of this FAC, as determined in the true-up filings ("T") provided for herein. Interest shall be calculated monthly at a rate equal to the weighted average interest paid on the Company's short-term debt, applied to the month-end balance of items (i) through (iii) in the preceding sentence.

 $^{^2}$ File No. ER-2025-0039 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0011.

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AFFIDAVIT OF STACY HENDERSON			
STATE OF MISSOURI) COUNTY OF COLE)			
	and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind foregoing <i>Staff Recommendation</i> in memorandum ording to her best knowledge and belief.		
Further the Affiant sayeth not.			

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this ______ day of August 2024.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070

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