

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Great Plains Energy Incorporated for)
Approval of its Merger with) File No. EM-2018-0012
Westar Energy, Inc.)

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

COME NOW Evergy Metro Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro (“Evergy Missouri Metro”) and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (“Evergy Missouri West”) (collectively, the “Company”)¹, and for their Notice of Compliance (“Notice”) to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), state as follows:

1. Pursuant to Condition 5 of the Merger Commitments and Conditions identified in Exhibit A to the *Stipulation and Agreement* (“Agreement”) filed in this docket on January 12, 2018, as approved by the Commission’s *Report and Order* dated May 24, 2018, the Company hereby notifies the Commission of its compliance with the following element of Condition 5:

Each agency is required to provide documentation to KCP&L and GMO to verify how expenditures were incurred.

Community Action Agencies are required to file annual reports with KCP&L and GMO on how funds were expended. KCP&L and GMO shall file a condensed report of the agencies individual annual reports with the Commission, Staff and OPC. Any additional information is left to the agencies’ discretion (e.g., estimated additional homes weatherized as a result of the expenditures).²

2. Attached as **Exhibit A**, please find a report summarizing the information required by the above-cited portion of Condition 5.

¹ Effective October 7, 2019, Evergy Missouri Metro adopted the service territory and tariffs of Kansas City Power & Light Company (“KCP&L”) and Evergy Missouri West adopted the service territory and tariffs of KCP&L Greater Missouri Operations Company (“GMO”).

² See *Report and Order*, Exhibit A, Condition 5, pp. 1-3, issued May 24, 2018.

WHEREFORE, the Company requests that the Commission take notice of the information herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, this 4th day of June 2020, to all counsel of record.

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Attorney for Evergy Missouri Metro and
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EM-2018-0012 Merger Condition 5 – Report Summary

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The entities involved per the Stipulation and Agreement are:

- United Services CAA (CAA of Greater Kansas City)
- Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph (“CAP St. Joe”)
- Community Services, Inc. (“CSI”)
- West Central Missouri CAA
- Missouri Valley CAA
- Community Action Partnership of North Central Missouri.

All entities received \$50,000 in July 2018 and 2019. All parties to the case agreed that CSI would receive \$100,000 each year and cover the area that was formerly covered by CAP St. Joe.

To facilitate the compilation of the required report in Condition 5, Geoff Marek, OPC, provided eight questions as guidelines for information to be furnished by the Community Action Agencies (“CAA”).

Those questions are:

- 1.) Were you successful in spending down the annual allocated funds?
- 2.) What did you spend the funds on—please provide details
 - a. Weatherization training and certification of agency personnel?
 - b. Discretionary funds for health and hazard for on-site units (that may or may not be otherwise passed over)?
 - c. Outreach efforts?
 - d. Utility weatherization account?
 - e. Hardship fund for on-bill payments?
- 3.) Can you provide quantification of benefits achieved via the funds (e.g., five more homes, one full time job, etc.....)?
- 4.) What would you say are the current strengths your agency possesses?
- 5.) What would you say are the current weaknesses your agency experiences?
- 6.) What are the current threats that your agency faces?

- 7.) What are the current opportunities for your agency to perform its service better-and how can this collaborative or its members help enable that?
- 8.) Do you believe that utility-funded weatherization funds would be better spent with more discretion by your agency? That is, would they be more effectively utilized in the same manner as the “Eversource-merger funds” or as they currently are—adhering to the Missouri Weatherization guidelines. Please explain.

The following is the condensed report of the answers from the 5 entities receiving these funds from Eversource.

1 – Three agencies spent all the funds and two agencies were lagging at a spend level of approximately 30%, which was the same situation in the 2019 report. These two agencies once again have plans for increased spending in the remainder of 2020 as one agency is focusing on hiring more staff.

2 and 3 – One full-time employee was added to staff but more staff was retained than years past. Another full-time employee is completing the on-boarding process. There remains utilization of temporary employees. Training took place for 4 individuals, including 2 for BPI/CQI Certification. Funds were spent on weatherizing for over 42 homes, with some more significant work on upgrading HVAC and adding sump pumps. One agency stresses that they complete significant sheet rock work to avoid deferring homes. The agencies utilize Back to School Fairs, Food Pantries and Senior Citizen events for outreach. One agency uses local radio for its *Energy Saving Tip*.

4 – The main theme is all have dedicated, qualified, knowledgeable and energetic staffs and Eversource funds have allowed for pay raises for one agency.

5 – Lack of resources to be able to more adequately reach out to the community to create awareness of benefits available. Also, paperwork requirements and miscellaneous rules. Even though there has been more success this year retaining staff, the low wages are still a weakness.

6 – Lack of LIHEAP referrals. Lack of quality control inspector types of personnel, and one agency stated their threat is from municipalities that buy their power from Eversource. Also, flooding, COVID-19 restrictions, and too long of a period to qualify for re-weatherization.

7 – Eliminate the 25% landlord contribution required by DNR, build relationships with other agencies, allow agency to use funding with municipal companies to reach more counties and purchasing of better vehicles.

8 – Very unanimous feeling about using all funds like how the Eversource funds can be spent to have more flexibility. The agencies all expressed their gratitude for these funds.